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Notre Dame's age, design fueled fire and foiled firefighters

Flames rise from Notre Dame cathedral as it burns in Paris, Monday, April 15, 2019. A catastrophic fire engulfed the upper reaches of Paris' soaring Notre Dame Cathedral as it was undergoing renovations Monday, threatening one of the greatest architectural treasures of the Western world as tourists and Parisians looked on aghast from the streets below.

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U.S. measles count up to 555, with most new cases in New York



In this March 27, 2019, file photo, a woman receives a measles, mumps and rubella vaccine at the Rockland County Health Department in Pomona, N.Y.

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. measles cases have surged again, and are on pace to set a record for most illnesses in 25 years. Health officials on Monday said 555 measles cases

Associated Press have been confirmed so far this year, up from 465 as of a week ago. While 20 states have reported cases, New York has been the epicenter. Nearly two-thirds of all cases have been in New York, and 85% of the latest week's cases

came from the state. Most of the New York cases have been unvaccinated people in Orthodox Jewish communities. The 2019 tally is already the most since 2014, when 667 were reported. The most before that was 963 cases in 1994. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all children get two doses of measles vaccine, which is 97% effective. Other states reporting measles cases this year include Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Texas and Washington. After the CDC issued its report Monday morning, Iowa officials said they too had seen a case. □



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Chinese woman who entered Mar-a-Lago denied bail

By TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— A federal judge denied bail Monday for a Chinese woman charged with lying to illegally enter President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club, saying her actions and statements suggest "she was up to something nefarious" and there is an "extreme risk of flight" if she were released.

Federal Magistrate Judge William Matthewman issued the ruling for 33-year-old Yujing Zhang, who pleaded not guilty Monday to charges of lying to federal agents and illegal entering of a restricted area. Zhang faces up to five years if convicted. Prosecutors did back away from their previous contention that Zhang was carrying a computer thumb drive containing malware, saying further tests have put that in doubt.

Matthewman said he was particularly concerned that when Secret Service agents questioned Zhang on March 30 at Mar-a-Lago shortly after she gained admission, the defendant said she was carrying four cellphones, a laptop and an external hard drive because she feared they would be stolen if she left them in her hotel room. But during a search of her room later, agents found more electronics gear — including a device to detect hidden cameras — \$8,000 in cash and numerous credit and debit cards, all of it unsecured.

"It does seem to the court that her alleged innocent explanation is refuted by what she left behind," Matthewman said. "It does appear to the court that Ms.

Zhang was up to something nefarious ... when she gained access to Mar-a-Lago."

Because of that, Matthewman said he feared that if he allowed Zhang to be released, she would flee back to China. The U.S. and China do not have an extradition treaty. Zhang is not charged with espionage, but prosecutor Rolando Garcia said the investigation remains active. Even if Matthewman had decided to grant bail, immigration officials would most likely have detained Zhang because her U.S. visa has been revoked. Zhang showed no reaction throughout the hearing except for once saying she didn't understand when Garcia said she was at times "within an arm's length" of Mar-a-Lago computers.

One of Zhang's public defenders, Kristy Militello, told Matthewman she believes that Zhang, who works as a business consultant, was confused by the agents' questions and they misunderstood her when they say she said she was a member. Zhang speaks English, but her level of expertise is disputed by the prosecution and defense. During court hearings, she listened to a Mandarin translator but also spoke directly to her attorneys occasionally. Militello said Zhang had come to Mar-a-Lago believing there would be a dinner that evening for a United Nations group, part of a \$20,000 travel package she had purchased from a man named "Charles" she only knew through social media. Militello pointed to a receipt Zhang received from Charles Lee, a Chi-

nese national who promotes such events at Mar-a-Lago, and a flyer she had promoting it. She requested Zhang be released on \$250,000 bail secured by her father and said she would wear a monitoring device to ensure she didn't leave the area.

"It is a sad fact of this case that if a Mandarin interpreter was provided at that first contact with the Secret Service, we very well may not be here," Militello told Matthewman. She said Zhang cooperated with agents, followed their directions, allowed her belongings to be searched and sat through nine hours of questioning. Lee ran the United Nations



In this court sketch, Yujing Zhang, left, a Chinese woman charged with lying to illegally enter President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club, listens to a hearing Monday, April 15, 2019, before Magistrate Judge William Matthewman in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

Chinese Friendship Association and was photographed at least twice with Cindy Yang, a Republican donor and former Florida massage parlor owner. Yang recently made news

after it was learned she was promising Chinese business leaders that her consulting firm could get them access to Mar-a-Lago, where they could mingle with the president. □



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'It has to stop': Omar says Trump encourages violence, hate

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Ilhan Omar says she's faced increased death threats since President Donald Trump spread around a video that purports to show her being dismissive of the 2001 terrorist attacks. "This is endangering lives," she said, accusing Trump of fomenting right-wing extremism. "It has to stop."

Her statement late Sunday followed an announcement by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that she has taken steps to ensure the safety of the Minnesota Democrat and the speaker's call for Trump to take down the video.

Soon after Pelosi's statement, the video disappeared as a pinned tweet



In this March 6, 2019, file photo, Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., sits with fellow Democrats on the House Education and Labor Committee during a bill markup, on Capitol Hill in Washington. Associated Press

"She is out of control, except for her control of Nancy!" Trump added.

Pelosi was among Democrats who had criticized Trump over the tweet

and that he wished no "ill will" upon the first-term lawmaker.

But Omar said that since Trump retweeted the video Friday night, she's received

many threats on her life that referred or replied to the posted video.

"Violent crimes and other acts of hate by right-wing extremists and white nationalists are on the rise in this country and around the world," she said. "We can no longer ignore that they are being encouraged by the occupant of the highest office in the land." She said: "We are all Americans."

Earlier, Pelosi issued a statement while traveling in London saying she had spoken with congressional authorities "to ensure that Capitol Police are conducting a security assessment to safeguard Congresswoman Omar, her family and her staff."

Pelosi said officials will continue to monitor and assess threats against Omar and called on Trump to discourage such behavior.

"The President's words weigh a ton, and his hateful and inflammatory rhetoric creates real danger," Pelosi said. "President Trump must take down his disrespectful and dangerous video."

The video in Trump's tweet included a snippet from a recent speech Omar gave to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, in which she described the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center as "some people did something," along with news footage of the hijacked airplanes hitting the Twin Towers. Trump captioned his tweet with: "WE WILL NEVER FORGET!"

Critics accuse Omar of being flippant in describing the perpetrators of the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people. She later sought to defend herself by tweeting a quote from President George W. Bush,

in which the Republican president referred to the attackers as "people" just days after 9/11.

Neither Trump's tweet nor the video included Omar's full quote or the context of her comments, which were about Muslims feeling that their civil liberties had eroded after the attacks. The tweet was posted atop Trump's Twitter feed for much of Sunday, with more than 9 million views. It remained lower in the feed after Pelosi requested that the video be pulled.

Sanders questioned why Democrats weren't following Trump's example and calling out Omar, too. Democrats who criticized the president over the tweet defended Omar, with some noting their past disagreements with her.

"Certainly the president is wishing no ill will and certainly not violence towards anyone, but the president is absolutely and should be calling out the congresswoman for her — not only one time — but history of anti-Semitic comments," Sanders said.

"The bigger question is why aren't Democrats doing the same thing? It's absolutely abhorrent the comments that she continues to make and has made and they look the other way."

Omar repeatedly has pushed fellow Democrats into uncomfortable territory with comments about Israel and the strength of the Jewish state's influence in Washington. She apologized for suggesting that lawmakers support Israel for pay and said she isn't criticizing Jews.

But she refused to take back a tweet in which she suggested American supporters of Israel "pledge allegiance" to a foreign country. □

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In this April 11, 2019 photo, Shelley Gillen is photographed in her Bellevue, Neb., home with her 17-year-old son, Will, who wears a helmet to protect him from damage during debilitating seizures. Gillen advocates the legalization of medical marijuana that could help her son's seizures.

Associated Press

Nebraska's tough approach to medical marijuana may backfire

By GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Year after year, Nebraska's conservative lawmakers have rejected measures calling for limited and highly regulated medical marijuana. They're poised to do it again, but their decision this year could have the unintended consequence of ushering in one of the most unrestricted medical marijuana laws in the country.

If so, Nebraska will join a growing number of conservative states with unusually easy marijuana access, all because red-state lawmakers refuse to touch the issue and thereby make way for ballot initiatives.

Last year, Oklahoma became a vivid example. Billboards there now display a smiling white-coated doctor offering same-day service for marijuana prescriptions. Idaho, Wyoming, and Mississippi may face marijuana ballot initiatives soon after legislators rejected medical marijuana with tight controls.

Meanwhile, 18 other states, including more liberal Illinois, New York and Vermont, have legislated restrictions that make legal marijuana harder to get.

"It's a head-scratcher," said Bryan Boganowski, founder of the pro-marijuana group NORML in Omaha, about the Nebraska Legislature's position. "I have no idea what's going on down in Lincoln."

Since 2010, legislators have rejected medical marijuana bills three times, even measures that allowed only low levels of the drug's active ingredient and restricted it to creams and oils with a ban on smoking. They refused to approve programs as neighboring states took action, ranging from legalizing recreational marijuana in Colorado to approving highly limited access in Iowa.

Nebraska advocates tried again this year,

but with a threat: Lawmakers could approve a bill that requires people to get a state-issued registry card, limits the potency of marijuana, allows its use only for certain medical conditions and lets patients have no more than 8 ounces of the drug in their home, or supporters would place a measure with almost no restrictions on the ballot.

From the experience in other states, there is general agreement that Nebraska voters would approve such a ballot measure. The ballot measure that passed overwhelmingly in Oklahoma allows any doctor to prescribe marijuana for any health complaint.

Nebraska state Sen. Anna Wishart, who sponsored the legislative bill, said she's trying to find a compromise with skeptical lawmakers but gives her measure less than a 30 percent chance of passing.

Opponents, including Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts, say they want nothing to do with marijuana, even if the result is dispensaries opening everywhere selling to anyone claiming a minor ailment.

"It's not my job to make a decision that I think compromises public safety in the state just because of the threat of a ballot initiative," said state Sen. Matt Williams, a leading opponent of the bill.

Williams said he was willing to legalize cannabidiol, or CBD, a chemical compound in marijuana, but not parts of the plant that cause users to get high. But he said Wishart and legalization advocates are "completely unwilling to discuss that."

Wishart said some patients need the whole plant because the oil alone doesn't help their medical condition.

Another opponent, state Sen. Curt Friesen, said he's uncomfortable legalizing a drug that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration hasn't approved. □



Severe storm damage to homes is seen on Plymouth Springmill Road just south of the intersection of Ohio Route 96 in Shelby, Ohio, Sunday, April 14, 2019.

Associated Press

Storms leave deaths, damage and injuries in their wake

By The Associated Press

Strong storms, including at least one tornado, swept through parts of the Midwest and the Mid-Atlantic region, damaging homes and businesses and causing injuries after storms in the South killed at least eight people. Storms that hit Ohio on Sunday and moved into New Jersey overnight into Monday brought heavy rains, lightning, strong winds and, in Ohio, at least one tornado. The storms followed worse conditions that had swept across the South, unleashing more than a dozen confirmed tornadoes and flooding, killing at least eight people, injuring dozens and flattening much of a Texas town. In Virginia, about an hour south of Washington, authorities said a tree fell on a house and killed a woman early Monday morning. The Stafford County Sheriff's Office said the unidenti-

fied woman, 78, had been asleep when the tree fell at 1:43 a.m. An 82-year-old man who was in the home was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life threatening. In Shelby, Ohio, the National Weather Service said an EF2 tornado with winds of up to 125 mph (200 kph) touched down Sunday. No deaths were reported, but Richland County emergency officials said several homes and businesses were damaged and that at least six people were injured in the city roughly 90 miles (145 kilometers) southwest of Cleveland. The weather service says an EF0 tornado with maximum winds of about 70 mph (115 kph) also swept through part of Clark County in western Ohio on Sunday, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Columbus, and damaged some mobile homes. There were no immediate reports of injuries there. □

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Indigenous leaders want less drilling near sacred sites

By **MORGAN LEE**
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) —

Leaders of the Navajo Nation and Pueblo tribes expressed frustration Monday with federal oversight of oil and gas leases on public holdings near ancient Native American cultural sites and endorsed legislation to restrict natural gas development around Chaco Culture National Historic Park.

Acoma Pueblo tribal Gov. Brian Vallo told members of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at a hearing in New Mexico that not enough is being done to safeguard sacred sites scattered beyond the national park at Chaco Canyon.

Many of the sites involve more than just physical features that can be surveyed by archaeologists, he said, referring to the less tangible aspects of Chaco.

"Only we can identify these resources," he said.

Lawmakers including U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona and New Mexico's Debra Haaland and Ben Ray Lujan said they were profoundly moved by a visit Sunday to ancient Chaco dwellings and nearby industrial sites where they used infrared camera technology to view methane escaping into the atmosphere.

"You could see the plumes coming out and moving across the sky," Lujan said. "There's no question that this is occurring."

The House committee was exploring the possible im-



In this Aug. 10, 2005 file photo, tourist Chris Farthing from Suffolks County, England, takes a picture of Anasazi ruins in Chaco Culture National Historical Park in New Mexico.

pacts of air pollution on sacred sites. They also quizzed New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on her administration's push to contain emissions of methane through stricter local regulation.

New Mexico's all-Democratic House delegation is seeking to halt new oil and natural gas lease sales on federal holdings within a 10-mile (16-kilometer) buffer zone around Chaco Culture National Historic Park.

Grijalva said Chaco Canyon deserves the same consideration for protections as Yellowstone National Park, which received an ecological buffer under legislation signed this year by President Trump.

The Trump administration is seeking to eliminate 2016

Environmental Protection Agency rules requiring energy companies to reduce flaring of methane. In response, New Mexico has initiated a process for developing its own regulations to reduce flaring and leakage, while giving oilfield regulators new authority to issue citations and fines.

Panelists on Monday did not include oil producers or Bureau of Land Management officials that oversee federal mineral leasing. Rep. Alan Lowenthal of California said Republican members of the subcommittee declined to attend the field hearing or appoint witnesses.

Oil industry representatives say robust protections already are in place within the national park at Chaco Canyon, and beyond the

park, federal authorities including the Bureau of Land Management require detailed land surveys prior to drilling. "Those archaeological surveys are baked into the process," said Kathleen Sgamma, president of the Western Energy Alliance that represents more than 300 oil and natural gas companies. "Any development on those leases would have to go through cultural surveys as specified under the Natural Historic Preservation Act and other laws." She doubts the Republican-led U.S. Senate will endorse the buffer. "It's largely a messaging thing at this point," she said of Monday's hearing.

The proposed buffer zone includes a mix of state, federal and tribal lands — as well as parcels owned by

individual Navajos. A significant portion of the land would not fall under the legislation, which calls for tribal autonomy.

There already are more than 130 active wells within that area, according to the Bureau of Land Management. In recent years, federal land managers repeatedly have deferred any interest by the oil and gas industry in parcels that fall within the proposed buffer. New Mexico has promised to pursue its own moratorium on oil and gas lease sales on state trust land within the buffer zone, at the direction of Democratic State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard. The Bureau of Land Management continues to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on revamping a resource management plan for broader San Juan Basin in northwestern New Mexico and southwestern Colorado. It's one of the nation's oldest production areas.

The partnership between the agencies was meant to ensure tribes would be consulted and that scientific and archaeological analysis would be done to guarantee cultural sensitivity. □

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San Francisco eyes charge to drive its famed Lombard Street

By **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ**
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Thousands of tourists could soon have to pay as much as \$10 to drive down world-famous Lombard Street in San Francisco.

City and state officials on Monday announced a bill that would give San Francisco the authority to establish a toll and reservation system for the street that winds down a steep hill, in an effort to reduce crowds and traffic congestion.

"We must implement a system that enables both residents and visitors to enjoy the 'Crookedest Street in the World,'" said Assemblyman Phil Ting, a San Francisco Democrat who authored the legislation. Residents say the scenic thoroughfare feels more like an overcrowded amusement park than a neighborhood street. They have been calling for years for officials to address the traffic jams, trash and trespassing by visitors.

In the summer months, an



Cars wind their way down Lombard Street in San Francisco, Monday, April 15, 2019.

estimated 6,000 people a day visit the 600-foot-long (183-meter) street, creating lines of cars that stretch for blocks, clogging the Russian Hill neighborhood.

"The cars really impact the neighborhood because they line up, they back up, they are sitting idling," said Greg Brundage, president of the Lombard Hill Improvement Association.

San Francisco transportation officials have proposed requiring visitors to make a reservation online and pay \$5 for each vehicle. Another plan calls for online reservations and a \$10 charge on weekends and holidays. The city needs state approval to charge people to use a public road but it would be up to city officials to determine how and

what to charge and how to use the funds. The new toll system is not expected to be in place before 2020, officials said.

Supervisor Catherine Stefani said the fee would help sustain the reservations system and help pay for more traffic control officers, more police patrols in the area and tourism ambassadors who would make sure visi-

tors have a good experience.

"It's a pilot program but it's something we must try to address the traffic congestion," Stefani said.

Vida Bhatt, a tourist from Melbourne, Australia, said she and her family drove down the crooked street, parked their car, then decided to go back and explore the thoroughfare on foot.

"It's so beautiful! I haven't seen anything like this anywhere else in the world," Bhatt said.

Bhatt said she would happily pay to have the experience of driving down Lombard Street.

"This is one of the top attractions in San Francisco and I'm coming from so far in the world, I would pay and make sure I got to see it," she said.

Residents built the hairpin turns on the red brick road in 1922 because its 27-degree grade was too steep for the era's cars to climb. Neighbors added lush gardens filled with hydrangeas and roses 30 years later. □

Judge sends Canadian to U.S. prison for risky tunnel scheme

By **ED WHITE**
Associated Press

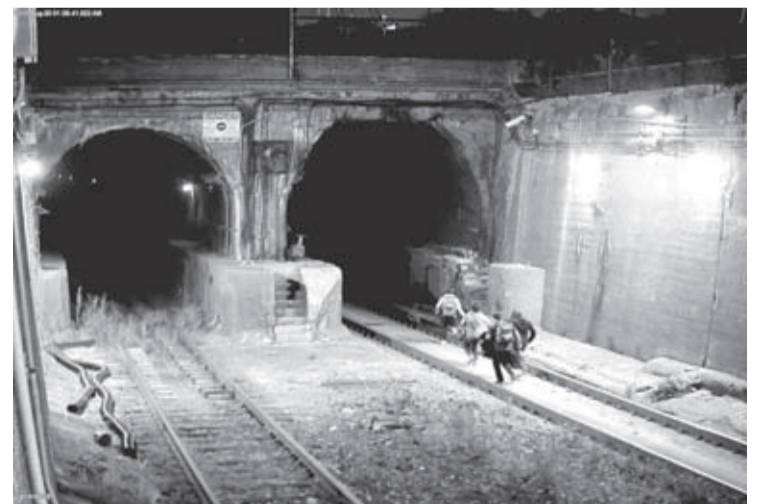
DETROIT (AP) — A Canadian cab driver who made extra money by steering desperate immigrants to a railroad tunnel under the Detroit River was sentenced Monday to 16 months in a U.S. prison.

Juan Garcia-Jimenez, a 53-year-old Canadian citizen who is a native of Guatemala, wept in federal court. Besides a prison sentence, he was fined \$8,680—the amount paid by six people who were caught last year when they emerged on foot on the

Detroit side of the tunnel.

The 1.6-mile (2.5-kilometer) tunnel is used by cargo trains moving between Ontario, Canada, and the United States. Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Fairchild said it's risky: A walkway is only 17 inches (43.1 centimeters) wide and in poor condition.

"They just walked right through the tunnel, which is a very dangerous thing," said Kris Grogan, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection. "There is zero room. If a train would have come through there they would have been killed."



In this Aug. 25, 2018 photo provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit people scramble to enter a rail tunnel under the Detroit River between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Associated Press

Massive fire engulfs beloved Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

By **LORI HINNANT**
SAMUEL PETREQUIN
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A massive fire engulfed the upper reaches of Paris' soaring Notre Dame Cathedral as it was undergoing renovations Monday, threatening one of the greatest architectural treasures of the Western world as tourists and Parisians looked on aghast from the streets below.

The blaze collapsed the cathedral's spire and spread to one of its landmark rectangular towers, but Paris fire chief Jean-Claude Gallet said the church's structure had been saved after firefighters managed to stop the fire spreading to the northern belfry. The 12th-century cathedral is home to incalculable works of art and is one of the world's most famous tourist attractions, immortalized by Victor Hugo's 1831 novel "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

The exact cause of the blaze was not known, but French media quoted the Paris fire brigade as saying the fire is "potentially linked" to a 6 million-euro (\$6.8 million) renovation project on the church's



Flames and smoke rise from Notre Dame cathedral as it burns in Paris, Monday, April 15, 2019.

Associated Press

spire and its 250 tons of lead. The Paris prosecutors' office ruled out arson and possible terror-related motives, and said it was treating it as an accident.

As the spire fell, the sky lit up orange and flames shot out of the roof behind the nave of the cathedral, among the most visited landmarks in the world. Hundreds of people lined up bridges around the island that houses the church, watch-

ing in shock as acrid smoke rose in plumes. Speaking alongside junior Interior minister Laurent Nunez late Monday, police chief Jean-Claude Gallet said "two thirds of the roofing has been ravaged." Gallet said firefighters would keep working overnight to cool down the building.

Late Monday, signs pointed to the fire nearing an end as lights could be seen through the windows mov-

ing around the front of the cathedral, apparently investigators inspecting the scene. Remarkably, only one of the about 400 firefighters who battled the blaze was injured, officials said.

The fire came less than a week before Easter amid Holy Week commemorations. As the cathedral burned, Parisians gathered to pray and sing hymns outside the church of Saint

Julien Les Pauvres across the river from Notre Dame while the flames lit the sky behind them. Paris Archbishop Michel Aupetit invited priests across France to ring church bells in a call for prayers.

French President Emmanuel Macron was treating the fire as a national emergency, rushing to the scene and straight into meetings at the Paris police headquarters nearby. He pledged to rebuild the church and said would seek international help to do so.

"The worse has been avoided although the battle is not yet totally won," the president said, adding that he would launch a national funding campaign on Tuesday and call on the world's "greatest talents" to help rebuild the monument.

Built in the 12th and 13th centuries, Notre Dame is the most famous of the Gothic cathedrals of the Middle Ages as well as one of the most beloved structures in the world. Situated on the Ile de la Cite, an island in the Seine river, its architecture is famous for, among other things, its many gargoyles and its iconic flying buttresses. □

France's Macron postpones TV response to yellow vest crisis

By **SYLVIE CORBET**
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French President Emmanuel Macron has postponed an important address to the nation that was to lay out his responses to the yellow vest crisis because of the massive fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Macron was planning to announce on Monday evening a series of measures after three months of a national debate that encouraged ordinary people to propose changes to France's economy and democracy.

Instead he headed to the scene of the fire.

The French presidency didn't reschedule the speech yet.

When he does speak, Macron is expected to respond to protesters' con-



In this Feb. 23, 2019 file photo, a protester wears a yellow vest with a drawing depicting French President Emmanuel Macron and the word "target" during a demonstration in the streets of Paris.

Associated Press

cerns over their loss of purchasing power with possible tax cuts and measures

to help retirees and single parents.

Other proposed changes

could affect France's democratic rules. Some observers say Macron may open up the possibility that citizens could propose referendums.











The French leader has repeatedly said he won't reintroduce a wealth tax on the country's richest people — one of the protesters' major demands.

The yellow vest movement, prompted by a fuel tax hike in November, has expanded into a broader revolt against Macron's policies, which protesters see as favoring the rich and big businesses. Their protests, which often turned violent, especially in Paris, provoked a major domestic crisis that sent Macron's popularity to record low levels.

Still, the number of demonstrators has been falling in recent weeks.

Most yellow vests leaders have urged supporters not to take part in Macron's national debate, saying they did not believe the government's offer to listen to the French. Ingrid Levavasseur of the yellow vests published an open letter Monday called "M. President, don't play the illusionist." She demanded measures to boost purchasing power and maintain public services.

Macron has already made concessions, but they failed to extinguish the anger of the yellow vest movement. In December, he abandoned the fuel tax hike, scrapped a tax increase for retirees and introduced a 100-euro (\$113) monthly bonus to increase the minimum wage, a package estimated at 10 billion euros (\$11.5 billion). □

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Greece looks to repay IMF early as bond yields tumble

By **DEREK GATOPOULOS**
 Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The Greek government on Monday said it is in talks with European bailout lenders to repay its debts to the International Monetary Fund early as market borrowing rates have tumbled to their lowest level since 2005. And Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said he was determined to spare austerity-weary Greeks a further increase in tax pain that has been agreed with bailout creditors for next year. Government spokesman Dimitris Tzanakopoulos said Athens is hoping to repay a "significant portion" of its remaining 9.6 billion euros (\$10.9 billion) owed to the IMF ahead of schedule.



International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde speaks during a news conference after the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) conference at the World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings in Washington, Saturday, April 13, 2019.

His remarks follow a meeting in Washington between Greek Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos and IMF managing director Christine Lagarde. The yield on Greece's 10-year bond dropped further to 3.28% on Monday, matching levels not seen

in 14 years. Greece would need approval from the eurozone's rescue fund to repay its IMF loans early, but top officials in the agency and the European Commission have already praised the idea. The left-wing government in Greece — facing national, municipal and European elections this year — is planning to boost funding for social programs with the money eventually saved from the cheaper loan repayment, Tzanakopoulos said. "The IMF loans are expensive, with an interest rate of 5.1% — so that means we can lower debt servicing costs and we will have an increase in the fiscal space to help vulnerable groups

in society," he told private News 24/7 radio. Tsipras said later Monday that the early IMF loan repayment would be an important step forward. He also pledged that if his Syriza party wins parliamentary elections when its mandate expires in October, it will dodge a commitment to boost tax revenues by reducing the income-tax-free threshold. "The tax-free threshold will not be cut as long as Syriza is in government," he said in an interview with private Antenna TV. Tsipras' government has committed to improve tax revenues by about a billion euros through the measure due to be implemented next year. □

Polish govt has no money to meet striking teachers' demands

Associated Press
WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A nationwide strike of Poland's teachers entered its second week Monday with the government saying it has no more funds to meet their pay demands after offering generous benefits to various other groups. The teachers are demanding a 30% raise this year, saying they mostly earn less than a supermarket cashier. But the right-wing government, which is paying generous



Warsaw residents gathered in the city's Old Town to show support for the striking teachers' whose nationwide pay protest has been going for five days without any signs the government could grant their demands, in Warsaw, Poland, Friday, April 12, 2019.

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benefits to its traditional groups of backers — large families and pensioners — says it has only enough money for half that amount and refuses to discuss anything more, in a clear sign its policy has reached its limits. "There is no money in the 2019 state budget for the increases to be higher," said Education Minister Anna Zalewska. The declaration is a sign that, after an easy 2018 budget when Poland's deficit was only 0.5%

of GDP, the promises of new money in the runup to the elections to the European Parliament in May and of the general elections in the fall, have prevailed over fiscal discipline. The bonuses promised this year by ruling party leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski amounts to some 20 billion zlotys (\$5 billion.) The head of the main teachers union, ZNP, Slawomir Broniarz, said the strikers were not accepting Zalewska's words. □

After IS war, Iraq seeks to reclaim status in Arab world

By ZEINA KARAM
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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — After decades of conflict, Iraq is seeking to reclaim a leadership role and status in the Arab world with a centrist policy and a determination among the country's top leaders to maintain good relations with both Iran and the United States.

A flurry of recent diplomatic activity and high-profile visits to the Iraqi capital, including this month's re-opening of a Saudi Consulate in Baghdad — for the first time in nearly 30 years — points to a new era of openness as the nation sheds its war image and re-engages with the world.

"Iraq is coming back to the neighborhood," President Barham Salih told The Associated Press in a nearly hour-long interview last month. The veteran politician laid out a vision centered on an "Iraq First" policy, saying his country can no longer afford to be caught in regional disputes. "For almost four decades Iraq was the domain in which everybody pursued their agenda at the expense of the Iraqi people. It's time we say we need a new political order ... in which Iraq must be an important pillar," Salih said. Iraq has emerged from



In this March 11, 2019 file photo, Iraqi President Barham Salih, right, walks with visiting Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, before their meeting at Salam Palace in Baghdad, Iraq.

Associated Press

a ruinous three-year war against the Islamic State group and faces the mammoth task of reconciling, rebuilding and returning tens of thousands of displaced to their homes. And while the extremists' territorial "caliphate" has been defeated in Iraq and Syria, the militants have now shifted to an insurgency campaign of targeted assassinations, car bombings, and suicide attacks.

The issue of Iran-backed Shiite militias who fought IS alongside Iraqi security forces poses a challenge to

the government's central authority, and the country's oil-based economy is suffering from wide-scale corruption.

"Iraq's path to reclaiming a leadership role in the Arab world will depend on how successful its leaders are in tackling security and economic challenges at home," Randa Slim, a senior fellow at the Washington-based Middle East Institute wrote recently. Amid rapidly escalating tensions between the U.S. and Iran, Iraq also needs to maintain a delicate balance

with the two as Baghdad has strong ties with both countries. The dynamics are complex. The Shiite-majority country lies on the fault line between Shiite Iran and the mostly Sunni Arab world, led by powerhouse Saudi Arabia, and has long been a theater in which Saudi-Iran rivalry for regional supremacy played out. Relations have been particularly frosty with Riyadh, which broke relations with Baghdad following Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and never really warmed

much as Iraq was increasingly pulled into Iran's orbit in later years.

Iraq needs much help and investment to rebuild its cities — something it can only get from oil- and gas-rich Gulf countries, including Saudi Arabia. But it can also ill afford to alienate Iran, which holds enormous political and military sway in Iraq through powerful militias and pro-Iran politicians. "We have 1,400 kilometers of borders with Iran, we simply cannot ignore that reality," Salih said, adding that it's in Iraq's national interest to nurture good relations with Iran, with which Iraq fought an eight-year war in the '80s. He said Iraq, however, was also keen on good relations with Turkey, Saudi Arabia and other regional countries.

Mindful of the need to counter Iran's growing influence in the region in the post-IS order, Saudi officials have sought closer ties with Iraq, and last week sent a high-level delegation to Baghdad where the kingdom's consulate was inaugurated.

The Saudi delegation's visit followed a trip to Baghdad last month by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani during which the two sides signed several agreement designed to boost bilateral relations. □

UN says 146 killed in Libya as Italy calls for cease-fire

Associated Press
BENGAZI, Libya (AP) —

At least 146 people have been killed since a Libyan military commander launched an offensive on the capital earlier this month, the U.N. said Monday, as Italy called for an immediate cease-fire and the withdrawal of his forces. The World Health Organization said 614 others have been wounded since the Field Marshal Khalifa Hifter's self-styled Libyan National Army launched its offensive on April 5. It did not specify whether those killed and wounded were civilians or fighters. The fighting pits the LNA against rival militias loosely affiliated with a



Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte meets the media at Chigi Palace premier office in Rome, Monday, April 15, 2019.

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weak U.N.-backed government based in the capital, Tripoli.

The U.N. says more than 13,500 people have been

displaced. The clashes threaten to ignite civil war on the scale of the 2011 uprising that toppled and killed longtime dictator

Moammar Gadhafi. The oil-rich North African country is split between rival governments in the east and west. Italy's Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte called for an immediate cease-fire and the withdrawal of Hifter's forces, saying that a military campaign would not bring stability.

He spoke Monday after meeting with Qatar's foreign minister in Rome.

"We hope and we are working with full determination to prevent a continuation of military hostilities," Conte said, adding that he has personally intensified diplomatic contacts to reach a political solution under U.N. auspices.

"We must prevent a humanitarian crisis that would be devastating, not only for the obvious impact on our country and the European Union," Conte said. "It is also in the interest of the Libyan population. We must never forget that in cases of armed conflict, the civilians are the ones who bear the greatest consequences."

Since 2011, Libya has become a major conduit for African migrants fleeing war and poverty and seeking a better life in Europe. Italy and other European countries have provided aid to Libyan authorities to try and stem the flow of migrants. □



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South Korean president calls for 4th summit with Kim Jong Un

By KIM TONG-HYUNG
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— South Korean President Moon Jae-in said Monday he's ready for a fourth summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to help salvage faltering nuclear negotiations between the North and the United States.

Moon's comments came after Kim issued his harshest criticism yet of South Korea's diplomatic role last week, accusing Seoul of acting like an "overstepping mediator" and demanding that it diverge from Washington to support the North's position more strongly.

Moon met Kim three times last year and also brokered nuclear talks between North Korea and the U.S. following tensions created by the North's nuclear and missile tests and the exchange of war threats by Kim and President Donald Trump.

But there are fears in Seoul that the hopeful developments of 2018 could be undone because of the mismatched demands between Washington and Pyongyang over sanctions relief and disarmament, which have derailed a high-stakes Trump-Kim meeting and prolonged a stalemate in negotiations. It's difficult for Moon to make further progress on inter-Korean engagement without some level of sanctions relief, which Washington says won't come until unless Kim commits to verifiably relinquishing his nuclear facilities, weapons and missiles. Kim has shown no signs that he's willing to give away an arsenal he may see as his strongest guarantee of survival, and Pyongyang apparently has been trying to drive a



South Korean President Moon Jae-in speaks during a meeting with his aids at the presidential Blue House in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, April 15, 2019.

wedge between Washington and Seoul by appealing to Moon's enthusiasm for engagement.

"Whenever North Korea is ready, we hope that the South and North could sit down together and hold concrete and practical discussions on ways to achieve progress that goes beyond what was accomplished in the two summits between North Korea and the United States," Moon said in a meeting with senior aides.

Moon met with Trump last week in Washington, where they agreed on the importance of nuclear talks with North Korea but did not announce a specific plan to get the stalemated negotiations back on track.

Moon spent the past year making aggressive efforts to stabilize South Korea's hard-won detente with North Korea and improve bilateral relations. He also lobbied hard to set up the first summit between Kim

and Trump last June, when they agreed to a vague statement about a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula without describing how or when it would occur.

Trump and Kim met again in Vietnam in February, but the summit collapsed over what the Americans saw as excessive North Korean demands for sanctions relief in exchange for limited disarmament steps.

Moon has said it is Seoul's "outmost priority" to prevent nuclear negotiations between the U.S. and North Korea from derailing, and there is speculation that he will soon announce a plan to send a special envoy to Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, in an effort to rescue the talks. North Korea in recent weeks has been registering displeasure with Seoul, withdrawing its entire staff from a front-line liaison office with South Korea before sending some of them back, and refusing to show up for a previously planned

joint search for war remains at the countries' border.

The breakdown of the Trump-Kim meeting in February raised doubts about Moon's claim that Kim could be persuaded to deal away his nuclear weapons for economic and security benefits and also about Seoul's role as a diplomatic catalyst, which became less crucial once Washington and Pyongyang established direct talks. North Korea had been urging the South to break away from Washington and proceed with inter-Korean economic projects that are currently held back by sanctions.

In their third summit last September, Moon and Kim agreed to reconnect the Koreas' railways and roads, normalize operations at a jointly run factory park in the North Korean border town of Kaesong and restart South Korean tours to the North's scenic Diamond Mountain resort, voicing

optimism that international sanctions could end and allow such projects.

But Moon's call for partial sanctions relief to create space for the inter-Korean projects and induce nuclear disarmament steps by North Korea has led to a disagreement with Washington, which sees economic pressure as its main leverage with Pyongyang. In a speech delivered to North Korea's rubber-stamp parliament on Friday, Kim said he is open to a third summit with Trump but set an end-of-year deadline for Washington to offer mutually acceptable terms for an agreement.

Kim blamed the collapse of the second summit with Trump on what he described as Washington's unilateral demands. He said the North's economy would prevail despite the heavy U.S.-led sanctions imposed over its nuclear weapons program and that he wouldn't "obsess over summity with the United States out of thirst for sanctions relief."

On South Korea, Kim said Seoul "should not act as an 'overstepping mediator' or a 'facilitator' and should rather get its mind straight as a member of the (Korean) nation and boldly speak up for the interest of the nation."

Kim also accused South Korea of deferring to the "anachronistic arrogance and hostile policy" of the United States and berated the ongoing military exercises between the allies. Although they described the exercises as defensive in nature, the United States and South Korea have downsized the drills to create a space for diplomacy with North Korea, which sees them as invasion rehearsals. □

Support strong for Guaidó in devastated Venezuelan oil city

By **FABIOLA SANCHEZ**

Associated Press

MARACAIBO, Venezuela

(AP) — Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó has met obstacles at nearly every turn since he declared presidential powers in a bid to end socialist President Nicolas Maduro's rule, and his visit to this once-thriving oil center was no different.

He was forced to take a boat to outmaneuver police roadblocks and reach throngs of supporters waiting to hear him speak in the sweltering heat in Maracaibo, a city now infamous for its blackouts.

Security forces had blocked the bridge across Lake Maracaibo just as Guaidó arrived on Sunday. Undeterred, the 35-year-old opposition leader and his entourage boarded a private boat and sped off across the water.

While Guaidó has gained backing from the United States and some 50 other nations, Maduro remains firmly entrenched nearly three months into the struggle for control of Venezuela.

Guaidó has been stripped of his immunity and faces the looming threat of arrest — something he warned would be a “big mistake.” “It would only deepen the crisis,” Guaidó told The Associated Press as the boat crossed the choppy waters. “The consequences would only hurt the regime.”

Maracaibo, Venezuela's second-largest city of 1.5 million where refineries that once hummed with con-



Juan Guaidó, opposition leader and self-proclaimed interim president of Venezuela, sits on a boat with staff members before crossing Maracaibo Lake to reach the town of Cabimas, Venezuela where he will lead a rally, Sunday, April 14, 2019.

stant activity have fallen into disrepair, is a window into a nation that has plunged into chaos.

The power has returned for most of Venezuela after a massive electrical grid failure that blanketed most of the country's 30 million residents for days starting March 7.

But Maracaibo hasn't bounced back.

The city is a crumbling version of its former self. Gushing oil wells that helped make a nation with the world's largest oil reserves flush with cash have given way to broken-down oil platforms that sit idle as nearby shores are black with oozing crude.

Maracaibo has endured rampant blackouts for more than a year, leaving

residents of a city where temperatures regularly reach 100 degrees without air conditioning and refrigerators, spoiling food. In the streets, residents spend hours searching for water, and schools barely open.

Frustration spilled over for several days in mid-March, with mass looting by mobs that overran shopping centers sacking 523 stores — many of which have not reopened their doors.

Residents say they live in fear of a serious illness or injury. Doctors in the main emergency hospital tell patients to bring their own water to clean wounds and even the most basic items like aspirin are lacking.

Guaidó's first visit to Maracaibo since declaring presidential powers on Jan. 23

comes at a time when he seeks to tap into popular frustration and anger to reenergize his campaign.

Some fear he's leading yet another fatally stalled opposition movement unable to break free from Maduro. Guaidó has failed to win a critical mass of the armed forces away from Maduro or bring in international shipments of humanitarian aid.

But in Maracaibo, a historic opposition stronghold, he was met Sunday by thousands who turned out at a series of rallies to hear him speak even as his voice turned hoarse.

Several thousand followers waited more than four hours in the middle of one of the city's main avenues. The visit came as pressure

on Guaidó is only tightening. The National Constituent Assembly, stacked with Maduro loyalists, withdrew Guaidó's parliamentary immunity earlier this month, opening the path to prosecute and arrest him for allegedly violating the constitution.

Days earlier Guaidó's chief of staff was jailed as an accused terrorist.

Guaidó said he has urged his international backers to adopt a stance of “zero tolerance” toward Venezuela's rampant corruption and the mismanagement of its resources.

Maduro boasts support from Russia, China and Turkey, but Guaidó dismissed that as “more of a show” than having any substance amid Venezuela's crisis. Guaidó refuses to negotiate with Maduro.

“There's no possibility of a dialogue with Maduro,” Guaidó said. “He's the problem.”

Given the fading anti-government protests and the opposition's refusal to open a dialogue with Maduro, the option of some sort of U.S. military deployment — starting with efforts to bolster humanitarian aid deliveries to Venezuela — has been gaining strength, especially among some figures in Washington.

“It is becoming clear that we will have to consider the use of American military assets to deliver aid,” Florida Sen. Rick Scott said last week at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington. “Maduro and his thugs have left us no choice.” □

Nicaragua gov't says it will guarantee safe return of exiles

By **GABRIELA SELSER**

Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua

(AP) — Nicaragua's government said Monday it will implement a program to guarantee the safe return of exiles, a proposal the opposition dismissed as “absurd.” Anyone who fled in the past year and does not have an open court case or formal accusation against them would be eligible to return, the govern-

ment said in a statement. The International Organization for Migration would provide technical support. The government made the proposal to the opposition Civic Alliance on April 10, but said it didn't reach a consensus.

Alliance director Azahálea Solís said the group rejected the proposal as “absurd.”

“It's ridiculous to act like the exiles would believe

the same government that threatened them, persecuted them, killed their relatives and occupied their houses is now going to safeguard their lives and safety,” Solís said.

According to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, at least 325 people have been killed during the past year of unrest. The commission estimates there are more than 52,000 people who have

fled the country, mostly to Costa Rica. The Civic Alliance believes there are at least 160 people who fled the country while facing an arrest order.

Jairo Bonilla, a student protest leader who left to Costa Rica last year, said he still receives daily threats from government supporters.

“For us as exiles there is no guarantee that we could return and nothing would happen to us,” said Bonilla,

who maintained he is accused falsely of violent acts during the protests.

He also said President Daniel Ortega is trying to relieve international pressure on his government.

“He wants to make it seem like everything is normal in Nicaragua, that Nicaragua is negotiating when every day they are killing more people, they are arresting more people without the world realizing it,” he said. □

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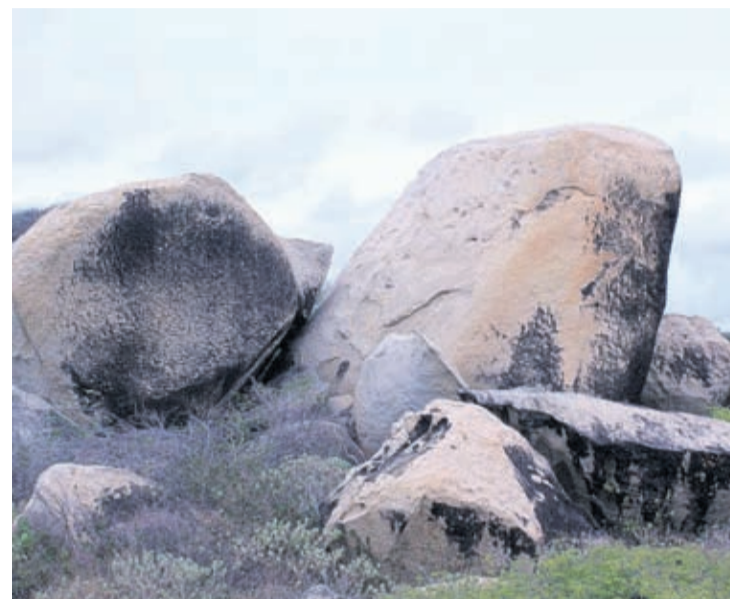
The girl of Weburi: a Rock Art Site story

ORANJESTAD — Weburi is another very interesting place situated South of Piedra Plat's Protestant Church. Weburi, as we are told stands for; boulders standing in the blowing wind. This pictograph site can also be reached going North from out the Hooiberg hill or Hay stack. After some 500 steps you should look for some particularly round boulders. In one of them a cove has formed due to erosion with a west-facing entrance and is the rock containing a fantastic collection of red pigmented rock Art. This amazing site has some minor difficulties to find the entrance, however once the entrance is located and one has made it inside the hollow rock bolder, the mystical drawings are all over the interior wall and can best observed.

Each week we share the most interesting and revealing articles regarding Aruba, a destination to be explored, we can find, and so doing uncover amazing and informative stories along the way.



Pic. 1 Weburi, Piedra Plat. Picture taken looking towards the East



Pic. 2. Boulder at Weburi, where the pictographs were found

This area is part of some man-made rain water collecting dams and conjunctions of roo'i's or dry river beds. Weburi is also in the vicinity of a once large Caquetian or island Amerindian settlement that now is known under the name of Santa Cruz, a Spanish Catholic name.

This is a story that was told to me over 30 years ago, which took place when the Calvinist Protestants decided to establish their new congregation. Piedra Plat was the place of choice and this happened during construction of the old church and the building of some houses. On an early Wednesday morning, the lady recalling the story told by grandmother: the sun had not risen yet when they were distracted by a certain sound that appeared to be sobbing of a child.

It was not long after that everyone started to walk about with the hope to find out from where the crying sound was coming from. After a short search someone shouted, "Found her!" so everyone knew immediately now that she was a girl. She looked very badly nourished and dirty. No doubt that she was lost. Maiti knew how to speak some Spanish, Papiamentu and her Caquetian language. Now that a few weeks had past she was amazed that she looked way much better and very nice indeed. After a few more weeks we could see that she felt secure enough to start to tell

a more consistent story and why she was hiding in fear and from whom or from what was she running from and hiding in the rock formation. All happened when she arrived at Westpunt and found out from her step-uncle that her mother and her two siblings had passed away about two weeks ago one after another from food poisoning and that her father took way broken-hearted on a sail ship. So there she was with her step-uncle who, resulted to be a bad person able to use brutal force in trying to get his way with her. Luckily she had gotten away. But with difficulties on the main land and her family gone, she only knew to run and escaped all abusive intentions. For 5 days she wandered around and on the second night she slept in the cove with the drawings. You must imagine the conditions which she was in since she did not eat or drink enough since she was dispatched some weeks earlier. She sailed out from Adicora, Paraguaná State of Falcon in Venezuela to Aruba. The story was that she was born on Aruba but returned after a long visit of almost 4 years to her grandparents on the main land. She claimed to have had an Aruban Caquetian father and a mainland Caquetian mother who was the granddaughter of a regional prince who had the of Judibana who appeared to be a very beautiful woman. Judibana was confirmed to had lived and was the wife of regional Chief

with the name of Jurijurebo and that drought and famine provoked that they sent her back to Aruba where her parents had a small Cunucu together with a cousin she called uncle. She was always proud but serene and self-conscious. In her town on the mainland everyone knew that she would become a beautiful young woman that looked exactly like dudu Judi or grand ma Judibana. Maitirima was her name and was composed of the two words, Mai, meant water spring or an eye of water and Tirima which meant blue celeste, all that together it meant Blue-Water-Spring, who must have

been of an age between 9 and 12-years-old at the time. She became a hard-working, smart and beautiful woman and got married into the Croes family of Piedra Plat and was the great-grandmother of many generations of Protestant

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By Charles Geddes

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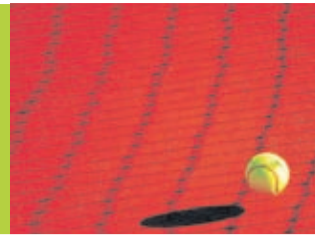
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Yes, the many wonders of this world,
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Aruba's the one place that I love,
And that's where I long to be.

SPORTS



Study: Minority hiring in MLB ranks similar to previous year

By AARON BEARD
AP Sports Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A diversity report released Monday on Major League Baseball finds the sport remaining largely on the same footing from the previous year in racial and gender hiring practices, with the biggest area of concern coming in the front offices of league teams.

The annual report card from The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES) at Central Florida found slight fluctuations in scores for racial and gender hiring. The grade for racial hiring was an A-minus with 89 points, up a point from a year earlier, while the grade for gender hiring dropped one point to a 70 for a C.

The overall score was unchanged at 79, a B-minus. Richard Lapchick, the institute's director and the lead report author, has praised racial and gender hiring practices at the league's central office as the result of diversity initiatives directed by Renee Tirado, a league vice president serving as MLB's chief diversity and inclusion officer. The goal now, Lapchick said, is having that overall emphasis "filtered down to the teams in a strong way so that the pipeline is built in those teams."

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Ethiopia's Worknesh Degefa cruises to Boston Marathon title

Worknesh Degefa, of Ethiopia, breaks the tape to win the women's division of the 123rd Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15, 2019, in Boston.

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Tiger a major champion again, and race to Nicklaus back on

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — No comeback by Tiger Woods was ever going to be complete without a major. Now the question becomes how many more he can win.

So much appeal of that red shirt beneath a green jacket involved looking back at all Woods had to overcome to reach that moment — a Masters champion once again — that so many thought would never happen.

The fourth surgery to rebuild his left knee. The private affairs that became public, shattering his image. The balky back that required four more surgeries, the last one out of desperation because he could barely walk, much less play golf. And a new generation of stars he inspired who were younger, stronger and capable.

That's why Woods celebrated his 15th major like never before — fist pumps without a club in his hand, because he couldn't help himself walking off the 18th green.

"Overwhelming," he said with a voice still hoarse from all that screaming.

He went 28 majors over 11 years without winning, and no sooner did he stretch his arms into that familiar green jacket — "Ah, it fits," he said in Butler Cabin — was he asked about the 18 majors Jack Nicklaus won to set the gold standard in golf.

"I don't know if he's worried or not," Woods said. "I'm sure he's home just chilling and watching."



Tiger Woods smiles as he wears his green jacket after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 14, 2019, in Augusta, Ga.

Whether the record is in play, Nicklaus can expect plenty of questions. For years, he could rarely get through any conversation without someone asking him whether he thought Woods could top his mark. "I thought for a long time that he was going to win again," Nicklaus said Sunday night on Golf Channel. "The next two majors are at Bethpage, where he has won, and at Pebble Beach, where he has won. So, he has got me shaking in my boots, guys."

The last part was delivered in jest.

The first part was factual. Woods winning his fifth Masters was not entirely out of the blue. He capped the year of his great comeback last year by winning the Tour Championship in typi-

cal Tiger fashion, by building a lead on a tough, fast course at East Lake and not giving anyone much of a chance to catch him. He also briefly led Sunday in the British Open, and was one shot behind on the back nine at the PGA Championship.

"The win at East Lake was a big confidence booster for me because I had come close last year a couple times," Woods said. "Still have to get it across the finish line, and I didn't quite do it."

So, imagine the effect of winning the Masters, especially the way this one played out. Six players had at least a share of the lead at one point on the back nine — four of them major champions — and there was a five-way tie for the

lead when the final group was in the 15th fairway.

It was anyone's game until Francesco Molinari, who earlier hit 8-iron in Rae's Creek on the 12th hole for double bogey, hit a wedge off a tree limb and into the water on the par-5 15th that led to double bogey. And then it became Woods' game — a two-putt birdie to take the lead, an 8-iron that rolled down the slope next to the hole for a signature moment at this Masters.

"Well, I can win majors now," Woods said with a laugh.

The PGA Championship is a month away at Bethpage Black, where Woods was dominant as ever in going wire-to-wire in the 2002 U.S. Open, and was right there with a chance in the 2009

U.S. Open except for a putter that refused to cooperate. And then it's the U.S. Open in June at Pebble Beach. If the Masters is the most memorable of his 15 majors, Pebble Beach remains his greatest performance. Woods won there in 2000 by a record 15 shots, even with a triple bogey in the third round. Ten years later, he tied for fourth at the U.S. Open at Pebble, three shots behind.

The courses are familiar. Woods is familiar with winning majors.

But it's not that simple.

Woods was 24 when he won the U.S. Open at Pebble, and 26 when we won at Bethpage Black. Now he's 43. As dynamic as this Masters was for Woods, it was hard work and he needed help — from Molinari on the 12th and 15th holes, from a couple of good bounces out of the trees. That's not unusual. Every major champion needs a break or two. "We're on 14 and I said, 'Let's get to 15.' You can't be on 14 and thinking about 18," LaCava said. "But now we can start talking about 16. So we're getting closer."

Nicklaus can only watch and admire, which he has done all along. And part of him is cheering.

"I don't ever pull against anybody," Nicklaus said. "Nobody wants their record to be broken. But I certainly wouldn't want Tiger to be hurt and not to be able to do it. Of course, he is now pretty healthy and playing well. I wish him well, I always wish the guys well and I want them to play their best." □



In this Jan. 16, 2019 photo, competitors ride their motorbikes across the dunes during stage nine of the Dakar Rally in Pisco, Peru.

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Dakar Rally moves from South America to Saudi Arabia

PARIS (AP) — The Dakar Rally is swapping South America for Saudi Arabia.

Dakar Rally organizers say next year's race will be held in "the deep and mysterious deserts of the Middle East, in Saudi Arabia."

Created by Thierry Sabine after he got lost in the Libyan desert in 1977, the Dakar Rally was raced across Africa until terror threats in Mauritania led organizers to cancel the 2008 edition. The rally was then held in South America.

Details of the 2020 race will be announced later this week in Saudi Arabia.

Dakar Rally director David Castera says "it's a grandiose challenge, with this blank page, with unlimited possibilities." □

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Kenya's Cherono wins men's Boston Marathon in sprint to tape

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Two-time Boston Marathon champion Lelisa Desisa turned onto Boylston Street with a sliver of a lead, leaning in front of two other runners with the finish line in sight. Unfortunately for him, one of them was the fastest man in the field.

Lawrence Cherono needed every bit of his speed to outkick Desisa in a sprint to the tape on Monday, passing him just steps away from the finish line to win the 123rd Boston Marathon in 2 hours, 7 minutes 57 seconds.

Desisa, who won in 2015 and 2013, the year the race was overshadowed by a bombing at the finish line, eased up after realizing he was beaten and finished 2 seconds back. Kenneth Kipkemoi was third, another 8 seconds behind, one of seven Kenyans in the top 10.

"It was no man's race to win," said Cherono, who had won in Seville, Prague, Honolulu and twice in Amsterdam but never in a major marathon before. "I kept on focusing. And at the end, I was the winner. I'm so grateful, so happy." Worknesh Degefa broke away from defending champion Des Linden and the rest of the women's pack in the Framingham flats and ran alone for the last 20 miles to claim the \$150,000 first prize and a gilded olive wreath from Marathon, Greece.

The 28-year-old Ethiopian, who set a national record while finishing second in Dubai less than three months ago, won in 2:23:31. Kenya's Edna Kiplagat was second, reducing a gap of more than two minutes to 42 seconds at the finish.

American Jordan Hasay was third and Linden was fifth. "Seeing Degefa go

One year after an icy rain and a near-gale headwind resulted in the slowest win-

Lemi Berhanu Hayle. "I was afraid of the guy who won two years ago. After he

ever men's wheelchair champion in Boston, finishing in 1:21:36 for the fastest



Lawrence Cherono, of Kenya, hits the tape to win the 123rd Boston Marathon in front of Lelisa Desisa, of Ethiopia, right, on Monday, April 15, 2019, in Boston.

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out — you know her ability, you know what she's done and you wonder how it translates to this course," Linden said. "But when she starts putting down those super quick miles, you say 'All right, this is her race to lose.' She becomes the outlier and you let her just go and hope that she might come back."

She didn't. Instead, she became the eighth Ethiopian woman to win the race and the third in seven years. A half marathon specialist, Degefa had never seen the Boston course before Monday.

"Last year, I watched all the marathon coverage," she said. "I kept that in my mind."

ning times in four decades, race organizers again prepared for the foul New England weather. But overnight thunderstorms moved on before the runners left Hopkinton; the sun even made an appearance about halfway through.

Linden took advantage of last year's storm to splash her way to the first win for an American woman since 1985. But with conditions back to normal, so were the results: East Africans from Kenya and Ethiopia dominating the podiums. At the 30K mark the lead pack was still close to a dozen and included three of the last four champions: Desisa, 2016 winner Geoffrey Kirui and '17 champ

dropped out, I decided to win," said Desisa, who did not finish in either of the last two years. "I tried at the last, I saw (Cherono) suddenly, then I couldn't control the pace."

A field of 30,000 runners followed the elites, ditching their trash bags and ponchos on the Hopkinton Green before embarking on the 26.2-mile trek from Hopkinton to Copley Square. It's the first time the race has been run on April 15 since the 2013 attacks; officials held a ceremony at 2:49 p.m. to honor those killed and maimed by the two pressure cooker bombs that exploded near the finish line. Daniel Romanchuk, 20, became the youngest-

time ever for an American. Manuela Schar won the women's wheelchair race for the second time, adding it to her titles in Berlin, Chicago, New York and Tokyo. If she wins in London in two weeks, she will have swept the World Marathon Major series.

"I was just really happy that the weather turned out to be actually really nice," said Schar, who set a course record in 2017. "When we drove to that starting line, it looked really really bad and I was worried because last year was still in our heads, and I had a really bad experience last year. Today I would say (was) unfinished business." □

Marquez throws 1-hitter, Rockies top SF 4-0, end 8-game skid

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — German Marquez pitched a one-hitter, nicked only by Evan Longoria's single with one out in the eighth inning, and the Colorado Rockies ended an eight-game losing streak by beating the San Francisco Giants 4-0 Sunday.

Marquez (2-1) struck out nine and walked none while throwing 105 pitches in the first complete game in the majors this season. It was the first-ever complete game for Marquez in 156 pro starts, including 69 in the big leagues.

Marquez had allowed just one runner, hitting Kevin Pillar with a pitch to begin the sixth inning, and was in complete control heading into the eighth. Brandon Crawford opened the eighth with a hard, one-hopper that deflected off third baseman Nolan Arenado's glove. Arenado quickly grabbed the ball out of the air and zipped a throw to retire Crawford.

Longoria followed with a grounder in the hole, just beyond Arenado's dive. The Gold Glover took off his mitt and slammed it to the ground, shouting in frustration that the no-hit bid had been broken up.

Arenado hit a three-run homer, his first this season. The four-time Silver Slugger entered the day batting .246 with six RBIs.

Derek Holland (1-2) allowed four runs on six hits in six innings.

PHILLIES 3, MARLINS 1, 14 INNINGS

MIAMI (AP) — Jean Segura's two-run homer to left in the 14th inning put Philadelphia on top, and the Phillies beat Miami in the longest game of the young season for either team.

Andrew McCutchen tripled to the wall in left-center, and Segura followed with his first home run of the season. Cesar Hernandez also got his first homer of the season for the Phillies. Brian Anderson hit his second for Miami.

Wei-Yin Chen (0-1) came on to pitch the 14th, was charged with both runs and his ERA actually dipped



Colorado Rockies pitcher German Marquez throws against the San Francisco Giants during the seventh inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, Sunday, April 14, 2019.

from 24.75 to 23.40.

Chen — the highest-paid Marlins player this season, making \$20 million — has allowed 12 runs over three innings of relief in his last two appearances.

Miami batters struck out 18 times, tied for the fourth-most in franchise history. Victor Arano (1-0) pitched the 12th and 13th for Philadelphia, getting all six outs by strikeout.

Jose Alvarez worked the 14th, gave up a leadoff single but finished out his first save.

DODGERS 7, BREWERS 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ross Stripling tossed eight strong innings to rescue an overworked bullpen, Joc Pederson and Alex Verdugo homered, and Los Angeles routed Milwaukee to snap a six-game skid.

The Dodgers avoided back-to-back sweeps, something they haven't had since 2017 when they last dropped seven games in a row.

Stripling (1-1) earned his first win in his fourth start of the season.

The right-hander didn't record his first strikeout until

the sixth inning and instead retired 14 of his first 17 batters on flyouts or grounders. The Dodgers jumped on Jhoulys Chacin (2-2) in the first inning, taking a 2-0 lead on a two-out RBI single by Verdugo.

BRAVES 7, METS 3

ATLANTA (AP) — Julio Teheran outpitched Jacob deGrom, Josh Donaldson and Nick Markakis homered, and Atlanta beat New York.

Teheran gave up one run and six hits in six innings.

It was a second straight losing performance for deGrom, who has allowed five homers in his last two starts. The reigning NL Cy Young Award winner gave up 10 homers all of last season.

Markakis went deep in the second and Donaldson added another solo shot in the fifth as the Braves won for the fifth time in their last seven games. Charlie Culberson's two-run drive made it 5-1 in the sixth. It was Culberson's fifth career pinch-hit homer.

J.D. Davis' third homer gave the Mets a 1-0 lead in the second. New York got

RBI singles by Amed Rosario and Keon Broxton in the eighth.

DeGrom struck out nine, but allowed three runs and issued four walks.

CARDINALS 9, REDS 5

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Marcell Ozuna hit two home runs and Matt Carpenter connected for a tiebreaking drive in the seventh inning that sent St. Louis over Cincinnati for a split of their two-game series in Mexico.

Tyler O'Neill also homered for St. Louis. Yasiel Puig hit his first home run for the Reds and Jesse Winker hit his second in two days at Estadio de Beisbol de Monterrey.

The Cardinals saluted the fans after the win and gave away their hats. The Houston Astros and Los Angeles Angels will play twice at this stadium in early May — Major League Baseball has committed to bring regular-season games to Mexico until 2021.

It was 4-all when Carpenter opened the seventh with his second home run of the season, tagging Amir Garrett (1-1). Ozuna hit a solo

homer off Jared Hughes and Jose Martinez capped the five-run inning with a two-run single that made it 9-4. Jordan Hicks closed for this third save. John Gant (3-0) pitched a scoreless inning.

PIRATES 4, NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rookie Jason Martin hit a tie-breaking double in the top of the ninth inning against Washington's shaky bullpen, then Felipe Vázquez escaped a bases-loaded jam Pittsburgh a win.

The Pirates took two of three and won a series at Nationals Park for the first time since 2013. Josh Bell drew a leadoff walk in the ninth from Wander Suero (1-1) and moved to second on Colin Moran's grounder. With two outs, Martin hit a ground-rule double to left for his second major league RBI.

The Nationals loaded the bases in the bottom half on a single, walk and Adam Eaton's bunt single with one out. Vázquez (1-0) struck out Howie Kendrick and retired Anthony Rendon on a flyball to end it.

Washington starter Max Scherzer allowed three runs and seven hits while working a season-high eight innings. He struck out seven.

DIAMONDBACKS 8, PADRES 4

PHOENIX (AP) — Zack Greinke pitched seven strong innings and helped himself with two hits, pinch-hitter David Peralta connected for a three-run homer and Arizona beat San Diego to stop a four-game losing streak.

Greinke (2-1) allowed two runs and four hits with six strikeouts. He won despite surrendering his seventh and eighth home runs of the season. Ketel Marte and Christian Walker also homered for the Diamondbacks.

Manuel Margot led off the game with a home run and Fernando Tatis Jr. also connected for NL West-leading San Diego.

The Padres had won four in a row. San Diego starter Eric Lauer (2-2) gave up three runs on eight hits over five innings. □

Price and Bogaerts carry Red Sox past Orioles 4-0

By The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — David Price pitched seven stellar innings with seven strikeouts, Xander Bogaerts hit a three-run homer and drove in every run, and Boston beat Baltimore.

Boston's big starting four-some of Price, Chris Sale, Rick Porcello and Nathan Eovaldi entered Sunday 0-7 with an 8.43 ERA in 11 starts. Price (1-1) responded with clearly their best outing, mixing his mid-90s fastball with a sharp changeup and cutter to allow just three hits without issuing a walk.

Baltimore's Chris Davis went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts a day after ending his record 0-for-54 stretch.

Ryan Brasier escaped a jam in the eighth, and Matt Barnes worked the ninth, closing out the combined five-hitter.

John Means (1-2) gave up a run and four hits in five innings, striking out three and walking one in just his second big league start. He made his first career appearance in Fenway Park last Sept. 26, allowing five runs over 3 1/3 innings.

WHITE SOX 5, YANKEES 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Anderson hit his first career grand slam and Carlos Rodón pitched Chicago over scuffling New York.

José Abreu nearly had a grand slam as well — to almost the same spot in the ballpark — but settled for a sacrifice fly when right fielder Aaron Judge made a jumping catch in front of the wall. Held to one hit Saturday in a 4-0 loss, Chicago chased Masahiro

Tanaka (1-1) with nobody out in the fifth and won for only the second time in eight games.

Yoan Moncada had three hits and a walk for the White Sox (5-9), who stole five bases in the last five innings — several of them uncontested. Chicago won two of three to take consecutive series in the Bronx for the first time since 2002-03. Before last August, the White Sox hadn't captured a series at Yankee Stadium since 2005.

Rodón (2-2) allowed three hits in six innings and struck out five, improving to 3-0 in three starts at Yankee Stadium. Four relievers finished a four-hitter, with Alex Colomé getting three quick outs for his third save.

ROYALS 9, INDIANS 8

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Pinch-runner extraordinaire Terrance Gore stole a base and then scored on Hunter Dozier's single in the ninth inning, lifting Kansas City over Cleveland to complete a three-game sweep of the AL Central favorites. Ryan O'Hearn led off the ninth with a walk against Brad Hand (0-1) and was replaced by Gore. The speedster swiped second and advanced to third on a throwing error by catcher Roberto Perez. Dozier then singled to left for Kansas City's first walk-off win of the season.

The Royals roughed up two-time Cy Young Award winner Corey Kluber, who allowed 11 of his 18 batters to reach base safely. He gave up six runs, six hits and a career-most five walks in



Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts looks back at the dugout as he rounds first base on his three-run home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles in Boston, Sunday, April 14, 2019.

just 2 2/3 innings. The five walks doubled Kluber's season total — he didn't walk more than three batters in any game in 2018.

Wily Peralta (1-1) pitched the top of the ninth.

ASTROS 3, MARINERS 2

SEATTLE (AP) — Gerrit Cole struck out 11 in six innings, Aledmys Diaz homered and Houston completed a three-game sweep of Seattle.

Cole (1-2) gave up two runs on four hits, including a leadoff home run to Mitch Haniger, and did not walk a batter. Cole has pitched at least six innings in each of his four starts.

Haniger's homer, his fifth, extended the Mariners' major league record streak of 18 games with a home run to start the season. Brandon Brennan (1-1) ended his season-opening scoreless streak at 11 1/3 innings.

Hector Rondon, Ryan Pressly and Roberto Osuna each pitched a perfect inning in relief for Houston, with Osuna working the ninth for his

seventh save.

RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 4

TORONTO (AP) — Pinch-hitter Guillermo Heredia homered to cap a five-run burst in the eighth inning and Tampa Bay beat Toronto for its fifth straight series victory to start the season.

Tampa Bay improved to 12-4 and matched the 2010 team for the best 16-game start in club history. The Blue Jays have lost seven of nine and haven't won a series this year.

Blue Jays reliever Thomas Pannone became the 89th different pitcher in big league history to strike out the side on nine pitches. He fanned a swinging Avisail Garcia, then got Brandon Lowe and Daniel Robertson looking in the fifth.

Adam Kolarek (1-0) pitched one inning for the victory. Marcus Stroman (0-3) allowed three runs, none earned, in four innings. He walked four and struck out five.

TWINS 6, TIGERS 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jose Berrios (2-1) pitched into

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the seventh inning for his first win since opening day, Trevor Hildenberger struck out two with the bases loaded for his first save and Minnesota beat Detroit to complete a two-game sweep.

C.J. Cron homered and drove in three, and Eddie Rosario was a triple short of the cycle for the Twins, who have won three of four.

In his shortest outing of the season, Jordan Zimmermann (0-2) lasted three innings and allowed five runs and eight hits with one strikeout.

RANGERS 8, ATHLETICS 7

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Danny Santana had a two-run, pinch-hit triple and scored the go-ahead run on Delino DeShields' bunt single during a four-run eighth inning, lifting Texas over Oakland.

Jeffrey Springs (2-0) pitched a scoreless eighth, and José Leclerc struck out three in the ninth for his third save.

Joakim Soria (0-2) got one out in the eighth and was charged with four runs. □

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"Most of the senior positions are occupied by white men, and that's something that affects the game," he said. "It affects who's on the teams, it affects how they're perceived in the community.

"Young people are attuned to it, and if they're deciding to play a sport, and they see not very many people who look like them in Major League Baseball ... they're going to choose the other sports. And that's going to impact how many players are

playing as well as all the other data in the report." The report relied primarily on data as of Dec. 31 that was collected by the MLB central office and provided to TIDES researchers. The league's central office received an A-plus for racial hiring and a C for gender hiring for the second straight year, though their

scores dipped slightly. The league also received an overall A-plus for what the report called "impressive" diversity initiatives. Teams received a B for racial hiring in senior administration and a B-plus among professional administration levels. Those grades were lower for gender hiring, with women making

up 28.6% of team senior administration positions (earning a C-minus) and 26% of professional administration positions (earning a D-plus). The Boston Red Sox led the league with 10 women in vice president positions or higher, while the San Francisco Giants were next with eight, according to the study. □

Blue Jackets beat Lightning 3-1, lead playoff series 3-0

By The Associated Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Columbus Blue Jackets extended their postseason mastery of the Tampa Bay Lightning, beating the NHL's best team 3-1 on Sunday night and moving to within a game of sweeping the playoff series.

Matt Duchene, Oliver Bjorkstrand and Cam Atkinson scored, and Sergei Bobrovsky fended off a desperate third-period charge to finish with 30 saves for the Blue Jackets, who took a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven, first-round series. Columbus will try to win a playoff series for the first time in franchise history in Game 4 at home Tuesday night.

Without their top scorer, the suspended Nikita Kucherov, and injured defenseman Victor Hedman, the Lightning, who won a league-best 62 games in the regular season, couldn't find any momentum until late in the final period, and then Bobrovsky rose to the challenge. Ondrej Palat scored for Tampa Bay.

Columbus has commanded the series since they fell behind 3-0 in the opening period of Game 1, only to rally to win that one 4-3. They beat the Lightning 5-1 in Game 2, and solidly outplayed them for all but a few minutes on Sunday.



Columbus Blue Jackets' Cam Atkinson celebrates his goal against the Tampa Bay Lightning during the third period of Game 3 of an NHL hockey first-round playoff series, Sunday, April 14, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio. The Blue Jackets beat the Lightning 3-1.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 6, SHARKS 3

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mark Stone had three goals and two assists, and Vegas beat San Jose to take a 2-1 lead in its first-round playoff series.

Paul Stastny collected two goals and three assists as Vegas captured another high-scoring matchup with

San Jose. Max Pacioretty had a goal and an assist, defenseman Shea Theodore had three assists and Marc-Andre Fleury made 25 saves.

The Golden Knights and Sharks scored 15 times while splitting the first two games in San Jose. Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night in Las Vegas.

Kevin Labanc, Logan Couture and Tim Meier scored for San Jose, and Martin Jones stopped 34 shots.

JETS 6, BLUES 3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kyle Connor scored twice, Patrik Laine had a goal and an assist, and Winnipeg beat St. Louis to climb back into its playoff series.

Winnipeg dropped the first

two games by one goal, but got back on track in St. Louis. Kevin Hayes, Brandon Tanev and Dustin Byfuglien also scored, and Connor Hellebuyck made 25 saves. Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night in St. Louis. David Perron, Vladimir Tarasenko and Alexander Steen scored for the Blues, and Jordan Binnington made 23 stops.

ISLANDERS 4, PENGUINS 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jordan Eberle scored for the third straight game, Robin Lehner stopped 25 shots and New York stunned Pittsburgh to take a 3-0 lead in its best-of-seven, first-round playoffs series.

Brock Nelson added his second goal of the playoffs, Leo Komarov scored the first postseason goal of his career and Anders Lee also scored for the Islanders, who have pushed the star-laden Penguins to the brink of elimination.

Garrett Wilson scored Pittsburgh's lone goal, a first-period deflection past Lehner that gave the Penguins just their second lead of the series. Matt Murray finished with 32 saves for the Penguins, who need a win in Game 4 on Tuesday to avoid being swept for the first time since the 2013 Eastern Conference finals against Boston. □

Associated Press

Flyers hire Alain Vigneault as head coach

By DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Flyers have hired Alain Vigneault as head coach, hoping the veteran can help lead them to their first Stanley Cup since 1975.

Vigneault has led the New York Rangers and Vancouver Canucks to the Stanley Cup Final and takes over a Flyers team that missed the playoffs for the second time in three seasons. Flyers general manager Chuck Fletcher made his first big move since he was hired in November after Ron Hextall was fired. Fletcher fired coach Dave Hakstol a month later and replaced him with interim



In this Nov. 2016, file photo, New York Rangers head coach Alain Vigneault, top, gives instructions in the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

coach Scott Gordon. Vigneault gets a chance to lead a third team to the Stanley Cup Final. "The his-

tory they have established and the passionate fan base has made this a first-class franchise. I am excit-

ed to work with Chuck, the talented group of players, and the prospects coming up through the system in order to return Philadelphia to the top of the NHL landscape," Vigneault said.

The Flyers went 37-37-8 for 82 points this season and haven't reached the second round of the playoffs since 2012. Gordon was 25-22-4 over 51 games and was offered a chance to return to coach the Flyers' AHL team in Lehigh Valley. The Flyers last played in the Stanley Cup Final in 2010. The Rangers made the playoffs in four of Vigneault's five seasons as coach, including a 2014 trip to the Stanley Cup Final. They went 226-147-37

in the regular season under Vigneault, who is third in regular-season and playoff wins in franchise history. Vigneault, who turns 58 in May, has coached 16 NHL seasons for the Montreal Canadiens, Canucks and Rangers. His team made the playoffs 11 times, and he took Vancouver to the 2011 Cup Final. He was named NHL coach of the year in 2006-2007 with Vancouver.

"He brings a tremendous amount of success over an extended period of time that will prove valuable to our team to take the next steps in returning the winning culture to the Philadelphia Flyers organization," Fletcher said. □

Antetokounmpo, Bucks pound Pistons 121-86 in opener

By The Associated Press
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 24 points and 17 rebounds in just 24 minutes, and the top-seeded Milwaukee Bucks showed they were serious about making a playoff run with a 121-86 rout of the Detroit Pistons in Game 1 on Sunday night. The MVP candidate ran and dunked all over the Pistons, who only really caught him when center Andre Drummond shoved him to the ground with both hands late in the third quarter after Antetokounmpo grabbed an offensive rebound with Detroit trailing by 41 points. Drummond was given a flagrant 2 foul and ejected. He threw a kiss to the Fiserv Forum crowd as he was escorted off the court.

Seven Bucks players scored in double figures. Eric Bledsoe had 15 points, and Brook Lopez and Khristian Middleton each added 14. George Hill scored 16 points off the bench. Luke Kennard paced the Pistons with 21 points off the bench and Drummond had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Reggie Jackson also had 12 points. Detroit played without forward Blake Griffin, who sat out with a left knee injury.

ROCKETS 122, JAZZ 90
HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden had 29 points and 10 assists to help Houston

rout Utah in the opener of a best-of-seven first-round playoff series. The Rockets had a double-digit lead for most of the game, but the Jazz got within five points midway through the third quarter before Houston used a big run to pull away and sail to the victory.

Houston's starting lineup helped carry the scoring load on Sunday night, with each starter scoring at least 10 points. Eric Gordon had 17, Clint Capela scored 16, Chris Paul added 14 and P.J. Tucker had 11. Rudy Gobert had 22 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Jazz. Donovan Mitchell had 19 points, but did not have an assist as the Jazz went long stretches without scoring. Game 2 is Wednesday night in Houston.

TRAIL BLAZERS 104, THUNDER 99

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Damian Lillard scored 30 points and third-seeded Portland opened its playoff series against No. 6 Oklahoma City with a victory.

Enes Kanter added 20 points and a career playoff-high 18 rebounds for the Blazers, who were making their sixth straight postseason appearance. CJ McCollum added 24 points. Russell Westbrook had 24 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds for his ninth career postseason triple-double.



Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo drives to the basket against Detroit Pistons' Reggie Jackson during the second half of Game 1 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series Sunday, April 14, 2019, in Milwaukee. The Bucks won 121-86.

Associated Press

Paul George, who was a game-time decision because of a sore shoulder, added 26 points and 10 rebounds after a slow start.

CELTICS 84, PACERS 74

BOSTON (AP) — Kyrie Irving and Marcus Morris each scored 20 points, and Boston rallied in the second half to beat Indiana in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series.

Jayson Tatum finished with 15 points. Al Horford added 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Gordon Hayward had 10 points. It was the first playoff game since 2017 for Irving and Hayward after each missed last year's postseason with injuries. Game 2 is Wednesday night in Boston. The Pacers led by 11 points in the first half but had just

eight points in the third quarter. The Celtics capitalized and led by as many as 22 in the fourth. Indiana scored 29 points in the second half, and the quarter and half were both its worst of the season.

Cory Joseph had 14 points for the Pacers. Bojan Bogdanovic was the lone Pacers starter in double figures with 12 points. □

Shapovalov's clay-court campaign begins with 1st-round loss

By JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

MONACO (AP) — Denis Shapovalov's clay-court campaign got off to a poor start as he lost 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 to Jan-Lennard Struff in the first round of the Monte Carlo Masters on Monday. The 20-year-old Shapovalov arrived after a good run on hard courts at the Miami Open, where he lost to Roger Federer in the semifinals. But the Monte Carlo clay

got the better of the big-hitting Canadian, seeded 15th. The unseeded German picked apart his serve, converting six of 16 break points.

Struff next faces Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria, who lost in the semifinals to Rafael Nadal last year. Nadal, the defending champion, starts his bid for a record-extending 12th title on Wednesday against fellow Spaniard Roberto Bautista Agut, who won

3-6, 6-1, 6-1 against John Millman on Monday.

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic faces unseeded Philipp Kohlschreiber in the second round on Tuesday. Djokovic has won eight of their 10 matches, but Kohlschreiber recently beat him at Indian Wells. Also on Monday, 10th-seeded Daniil Medvedev; No. 11 Marco Cecchinato; No. 13 Fabio Fognini, and No. 16 David Goffin advanced, but No. 12 Nikoloz Basilashvili and No.

17 Kyle Edmund went out. Medvedev did not face a break point in a 6-1, 6-1 win against Joao Sousa. Cecchinato, a French Open semifinalist last year, was leading 4-0 when Damir Dzumhur pulled out with an abdominal injury.

Goffin won 6-1, 6-4 against qualifier Guido Andreozzi, but Fognini had a tougher match.

The hot-tempered Italian player had the crowd on his side as he rallied to

a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 win against unseeded Russian Andrey Rublev.

Basilashvili lost 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 to Hungarian Marton Fucsovics and Edmund was beaten 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 by clay-court specialist Diego Schwartzman of Argentina. Other unseeded first-round winners Monday: Kohlschreiber; Radu Albot; Martin Klizan; Mikhail Kukushkin; Lorenzo Sonogo; Jaume Munar and Dusan Lajovic. □

Europe looks to remold internet with new copyright rules

By **KELVIN CHAN**
AP Business Writer

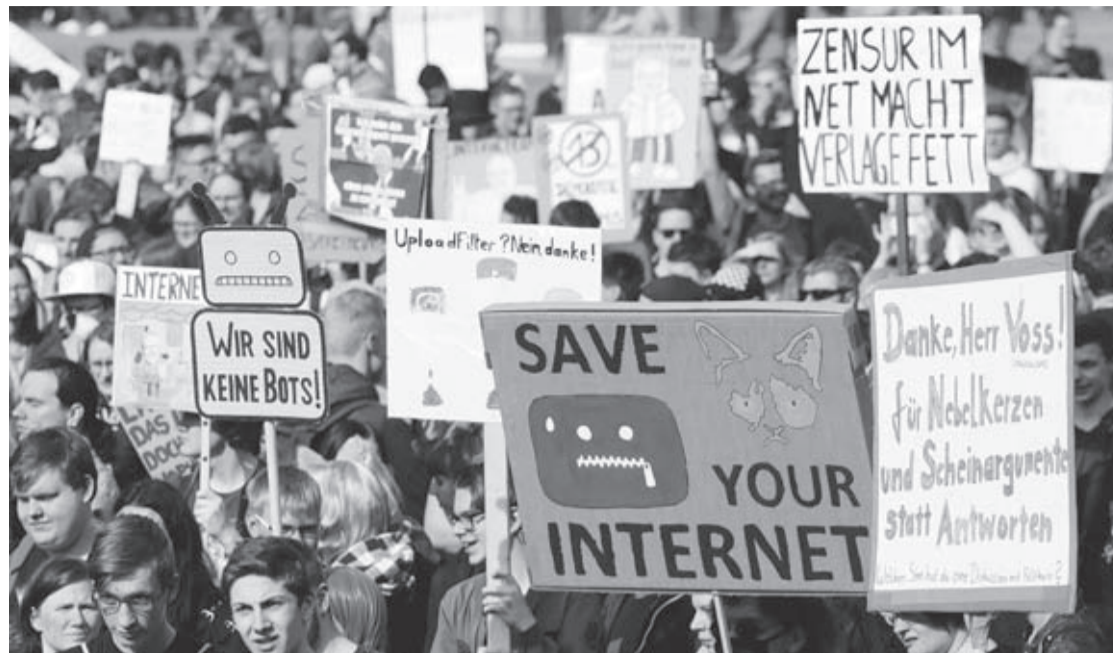
LONDON (AP) — The European Union has approved a copyright overhaul that aims to give more protection to artists and news organizations but which critics say will stifle freedom of speech and online creativity and punish smaller web companies.

Artists, celebrities and tech experts have spoken out both in favor and against the EU directive, which the 28 member states are required to adopt as law and got final approval from the European Council Monday.

Here's a look at key issues.

WHAT DOES THE DIRECTIVE SAY?

The most vigorously debated part of the legislation is a section that makes companies responsible for making sure that copy-



In this Saturday, March 23, 2019 file photo, people protest against the copyright bill, in Leipzig, Germany.

righted material isn't uploaded to their platforms without permission from the original creator. It puts the legal onus on platforms to prevent copyright infringement but critics say it will

end up having a chilling effect on freedom of expression on the internet and could result in censorship.

Another section of the bill that caused concern requires search engines and

Associated Press social media sites to pay for linking to or offering up snippets of news articles.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT INTERNET PLATFORMS?

Some sites would be forced to license music or videos. If not, sites would have to make sure they don't have unauthorized copyrighted material. Critics worry that could lead to costly automatic filtering. And paying for links could create further costs.

That could give tech giants an edge over smaller companies. Google said last year it spent more than \$100 million on Content ID, its copyright management system for approved users on YouTube, where more than 400 hours of content is uploaded every minute. The figure includes both staffing and computing resources.

HOW WILL IT SHAPE INTERNET CONTENT?

Critics say it could act as censorship and change internet culture.

They say the automatic filters are blunt instruments, deleting some material that should be allowed online. YouTube has warned of unintended consequences, saying that in cases where copyright is uncertain, it would have to block videos to avoid liability.

Some consumers worry that the new rules would bring an end to parodies and viral internet "memes" that

have powered online culture and are often based on or inspired by existing songs or movies or other content. The EU denies this. "The new law makes everyone a loser," said Julia Reda, a lawmaker with the Pirate Party, which campaigns for freedom of information online. "Artists, authors and small publishers will not get their fair remuneration and internet users will have to live with limited freedoms. Artistic diversity has made the Internet colorful, but unfortunately the copyright directive will make the Internet duller."

WILL IT HELP CONTENT CREATORS?

It depends on whom you ask. The music industry and other groups that collect royalties say the revamp will help give writers, artists and creators more protection of their rights and incomes, by requiring tech giants such as Apple, Facebook and Google to pay them more for their work. Some authors and artists fear they won't earn significantly more money but their creativity will be stifled. Google estimates it has paid out more than \$3 billion to rights holders through its Content ID system, which was created in 2007.

HOW HAVE PEOPLE REACTED?

Some high profile artists have spoken out in favor. Former Beatles member Paul McCartney wrote an open letter to EU lawmakers encouraging them to adopt the new rules.

But many appear worried it will change the internet as we know it. More than 5.2 million people signed an online petition against them. Internet luminaries such as Tim Berners-Lee, the inventor of the World Wide Web, and Wikipedia co-founder Jimmy Wales have spoken out against it. So has the former frontman for the band Fugees, Wyclef Jean, who has said he is better off financially because fans can freely share his music on internet platforms. □

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S&P 500 dips, on pace for just its third loss in 3 weeks

By **STAN CHOE**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Falling bank stocks pulled U.S. indexes a touch lower on Monday, and the S&P 500 was on track for just its third loss in the last three weeks. Goldman Sachs dropped to one of the largest losses in the S&P 500 after saying it's off to a "muted start to the year," though its earnings for the first quarter still beat analysts' expectations. Citigroup also fell following its report, as banks lead off this quarter's earnings season.

Expectations are low for the market in general, and analysts are expecting S&P 500 companies in upcoming weeks to report the first drop in earnings in nearly three years.

Still, stocks have enjoyed a hot start to the year after the Federal Reserve said it may not raise interest rates at all in 2019, and the S&P 500 remains just 0.9% below its record set in September. Other indexes are also close to their highs.

"I think we're going to see equities continue to confound their critics and advance," said Margie Patel, senior portfolio manager at Wells Fargo Asset Management. She expects growth for both the economy and corporate earnings to re-accelerate later this year, in large part because of the Federal Reserve's pledge to hit pause on interest rate hikes. The move follows sev-



People walk past an electronic board showing Hong Kong share index outside a local bank in Hong Kong, Monday, April 15, 2019.

en increases in the last two years, including a final hike in December, that helped send the S&P 500 to a nearly 20% loss at one point. "If you look through history, recessions have been precipitated by the Federal Reserve tightening and causing recessions — telling banks, 'Don't make loans' and pulling out liquidity," she said. "This time, they got right up to the brink, and when the market had that violent reaction in December, that made them rethink their approach." Optimism has also grown that the U.S. and China can resolve their trade dispute. U.S. Treasury Secretary Ste-

ven Mnuchin said Saturday that the world's two largest economies were moving closer to an agreement. Treasury yields, which tend to move in sync with expectations for the economy, have generally risen in recent weeks. **KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 was down 0.1%, as of 2 p.m. Eastern time. It flipped from a small gain of 0.1% at the open to modest losses of as much as 0.4% through the morning. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 19 points, or 0.1%, to 26,393, and the Nasdaq composite lost 0.3%. **BANKING ON MORE:** Goldman Sachs reported stron-

ger profit for the first quarter than Wall Street expected, but lighter trading activity during the first three months of the year meant that its revenue fell short of analysts' estimates. Its shares fell 2.9%. Citigroup also reported stronger profit for the first three months than analysts expected, but its stock was flat. **SHORT SHRIFT:** Alliance Data Systems sank to the largest loss in the S&P 500 after it agreed to sell its Epsilon business to Publicis Groupe for \$4.4 billion in cash. That price tag was \$1 billion less than what analysts at BMO Capital Markets valued the

Epsilon business at. Alliance Data Systems lost 8.3%. **HAULING:** Waste Management jumped to one the biggest gains in the S&P 500 after it said it would buy its smaller rival, Advanced Disposal, for \$3 billion. It will also assume \$1.9 billion of debt in the deal. **TRADE WATCH:** Speaking on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank spring meetings, Mnuchin said the U.S. and China held phone discussions last week. He wasn't sure if more face to face meetings would be needed. Mnuchin didn't give a timeframe for when negotiations might be wrapped up. Mnuchin added that the proposed agreement has seven chapters and will allow both countries to set up enforcement offices to make sure the deal is followed. Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said Thursday that the discussions were "moving forward" and "new substantial progress" was made. **MARKETS ABROAD:** Asian markets were mixed, with the Nikkei 225 in Tokyo jumping 1.4%, South Korea's Kospi gaining 0.4% and the Hang Seng in Hong Kong losing 0.3%. European markets were listless. The FTSE 100 in London was virtually flat, and the French CAC 40 rose 0.1%, while Germany's DAX was up 0.2%. □

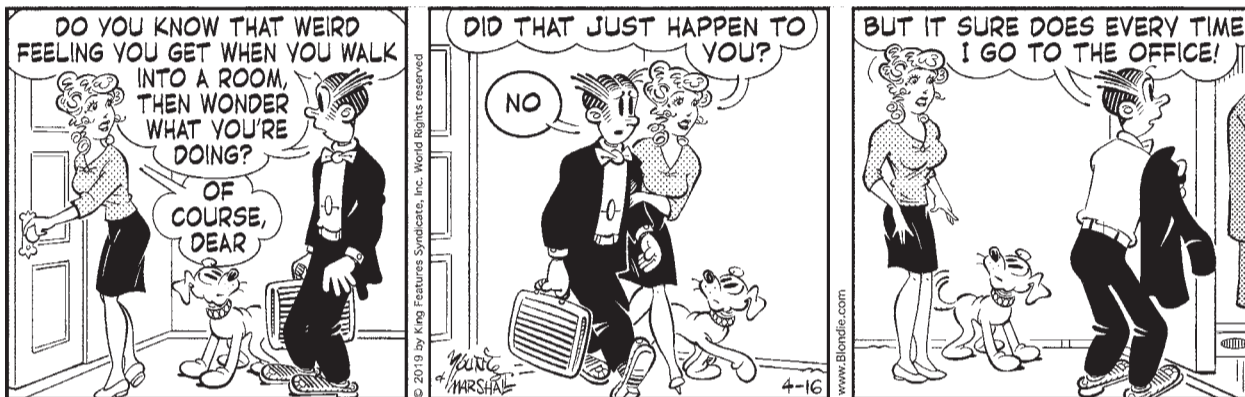
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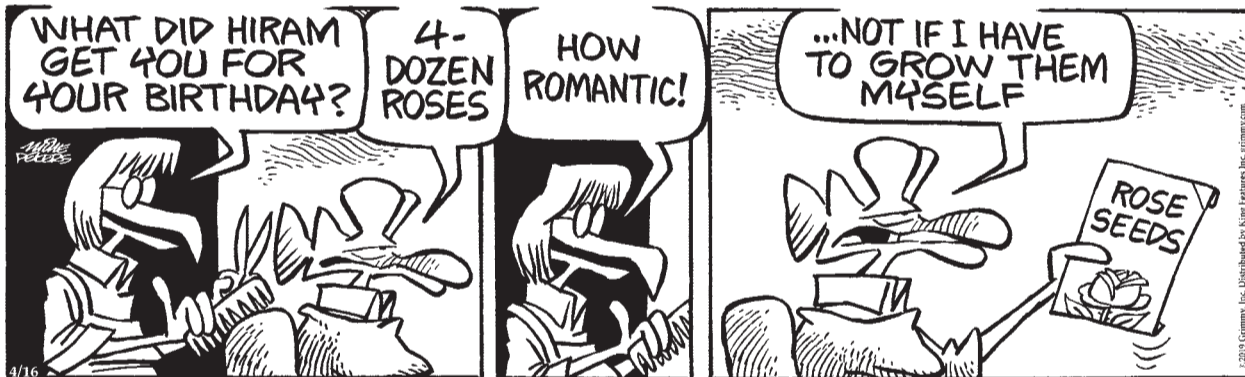
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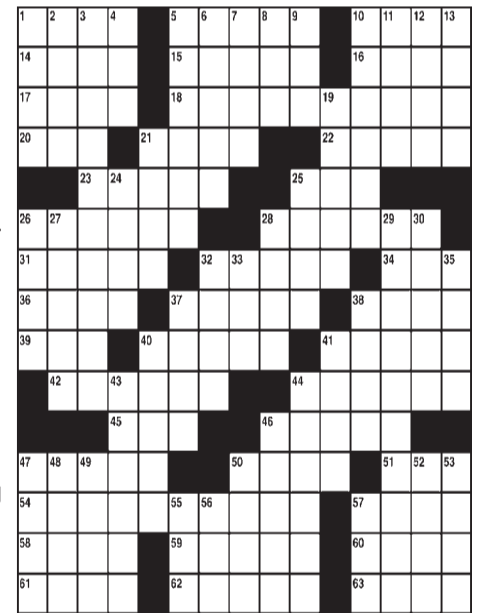
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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9	5	8	7	2	6	3	4	1
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ACROSS

- 1 Scarlett's plantation
- 5 Express; Chinese food takeout
- 10 Injure with a dagger
- 14 Prayer closing
- 15 Outdoor feasts
- 16 Toothpaste holder
- 17 Not at all severe
- 18 Excruciating
- 20 "___ on a Grecian Urn"
- 21 ___ like; pretends to be
- 22 Jed Clampett's portrayer
- 23 Furniture dings
- 25 Actor Kilmer
- 26 Like a tune that stays in your head
- 28 Most uncommon
- 31 Actress Kirstie
- 32 Wide gulf
- 34 Edison's initials
- 36 Was less than truthful
- 37 Sweet drink
- 38 Phi ___ Kappa
- 39 Scale divisions: abbr.
- 40 Estelle or John Paul
- 41 Sulks
- 42 Has ___; is troubled
- 44 Bell tower
- 45 Fashionable
- 46 Yuletide visitor
- 47 ___ up for; defended
- 50 Flex
- 51 Afternoon hour
- 54 "Alice in ___"
- 57 Actor Everett
- 58 Very old
- 59 Self-confidence
- 60 ___ up; robbed at gunpoint
- 61 Like a busybody
- 62 Silenced
- 63 Annoys



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 1 ___-shanter; Scottish cap
- 2 In the center of
- 3 Unstoppable; determined
- 4 "...o'er the land of the free ___ the home..."
- 5 Brave; spirited
- 6 Family tree members
- 7 Captures
- 8 ___ date; expected time of birth
- 9 As cool ___ cucumber
- 10 Horse's home
- 11 Bathroom features
- 12 Qualified
- 13 Has ___; one no longer popular
- 19 Provide with fresh weapons
- 21 Sore
- 24 ___ tea
- 25 Bouquet holder
- 26 ___ for; summon
- 27 Excuse
- 28 Risque
- 29 Mom's new husband
- 30 Spud
- 32 Slices
- 33 Smack
- 35 As ___ as pie

- 47 Waterbird
- 48 African nation
- 49 Billfold items
- 50 Fishing worm, e.g.
- 52 ___ out on; desert
- 53 Probability
- 55 Record speed letters
- 56 TV's "___ Grant"
- 57 Actor McBride

Serbia griffon vulture flown back home from Turkey

Associated Press BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Months after it flew as far away as Turkey's border with Syria, a griffon vulture from Serbia has come home.

The one-year-old female bird named Dobrila from the central Serbian nature reserve of Uvac was flown home Friday in a joint effort by Serbia and Turkey. It is not clear why Dobrila wandered so far away but officials say she was apparently unable to come back home.

There are about 500 griffon vultures in the Uvac reserve. The birds are considered a protected species in Serbia.

"This is a very important moment for us," said Serbian Environment Minister Goran Trivan. "The most important thing is that she is well."

Turkey's ambassador in Serbia Tanju Bilgic explained that Turkish soldiers first found Dobrila in late-2018 near the Syrian border when it was treated by veterinarians and set free. But, he said, shepherds soon after found the bird suffering from cold, some 120 kilometers (72 miles) away, when it became clear it was unable to fly back.

"I am very happy to witness that our operation has been very successful," he said. □



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Pace of Bering Sea changes startles scientists

By **DAN JOLING**
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— The Yupik Eskimo village of Kotlik on Alaska's north-west coast relies on a cold, hard blanket of sea ice to protect homes from vicious winter Bering Sea storms.

Frigid north winds blow down from the Arctic Ocean, freeze saltwater and push sea ice south. The ice normally prevents waves from forming and locks onto beaches, walling off villages. But not this year.

In February, southwest winds brought warm air and turned thin sea ice into "snow cone ice" that melted or blew off. When a storm pounded Norton Sound, water on Feb. 12 surged up the Yukon River and into Kotlik, flooding low-lying homes.

Lifelong resident Philomena Keyes, 37, awoke to knee-deep water outside her house.

"This is the first I experienced in my life, a flood that happened in the winter, in February," Keyes said in a phone interview.

Winter storm surge flooding is the latest indication that something's off-kilter around the Bering Strait, the gateway from the Pacific Ocean to the Arctic Ocean. Rapid, profound changes tied to high atmospheric temperatures, a direct result of climate change, may be reordering the region's physical makeup. Ocean researchers are asking themselves if they're witnessing the transformation of an ecosystem.

The Bering Sea last winter saw record-low sea ice. Climate models predicted less ice, but not this soon, said Seth Danielson, a physical oceanographer



In this Feb. 12, 2019 photo provided by Philomena Keys, high water pushed up the Yukon River from the Bering Sea floods yards around homes in the western village of Kotlik, Alaska.

at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

"The projections were saying we would've hit situations similar to what we saw last year, but not for another 40 or 50 years," Danielson said.

Walrus and seals use sea ice to rest and give birth. Villagers use sea ice to hunt them. Sea ice is the primary habitat of polar bears. Algae that clings to the bottom of sea ice blooms in spring, dies and sinks, sending an infusion of food to clams, snails and sea worms on the ocean floor — the prey of gray whales, walrus and bearded seals.

Sea ice also affects commercially valuable fish. Sea ice historically has created a Bering Sea "cold pool," an east-west barrier of extremely cold, salty water at the bottom of the wide, shallow continental shelf. The wall of cold water his-

torically has concentrated Pacific cod and walleye pollock in the southeastern Bering Sea.

"It tends to extend from the Russian side to the northwest," said Lyle Britt, a fisheries biologist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "It kind of comes down almost like a little hockey stick shape ... through the center of the southeast Bering Sea."

However, when Britt and other NOAA researchers last year conducted annual fish and ocean condition surveys, they got a big surprise: For the first time in 37 years, they found no cold pool.

Researchers found high concentrations of Pacific cod and walleye pollock in the northern Bering Sea. But the species that was supposed to be there, Arctic cod, was hardly found. More than half the fish landed in U.S. waters come from the North Pacific, and most are caught in the Bering Sea.

Chad See, executive director of the Freezer Longline Coalition, a trade association of vessels that target Pacific cod using baited lines, said members caught their quota last year but had to travel farther north.

"Does that mean that the

stock is declining, is suffering because of the warming temperatures? Or is it that they've moved north and it's still a vibrant fishery?" See said.

It's too soon to conclude that atmosphere and ocean changes are due simply to climate change, said NOAA physical oceanographer Phyllis Stabeno, who has studied the Bering Sea for more than 30 years. The southern Bering Sea since 2000 has undergone multi-year stanzas of low and extensive ice, she said. When sea ice in November began forming as usual, she expected a bounce-back this winter. Instead, warm winds in February mostly cleared the northern Bering Sea of sea ice through the Bering Strait into the Chukchi Sea.

"We're in winter," she said. "This is all supposed to be frozen."

Formation of the cold pool is again in doubt. It could return in the future, but temperatures are trending upward with the rate of greenhouse gases entering the atmosphere.

Scientists say figuring out the ocean physics is far less of a challenge than projecting the biological ramifications.

"We sort of opened up

this whole Pandora's box of not really knowing how the ecosystem as a whole is going to adjust to that," Danielson said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service early last summer detected trouble. Resident called with reports of emaciated and dead seabirds.

Common murre, which can use up fat reserves and starve after three days without eating, fly hundreds miles to find fish schools or krill but were washing up dead on shore. Fork-tail storm petrels, fulmars, shearwaters, kittiwakes, auklets and puffins also died.

No one can say why. Seabird experts wonder whether the presence of more pollock and Pacific cod, which have voracious appetites and are far more efficient hunters of forage fish than seabirds, was a factor. Dean Stockwell, a research associate professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a specialty in phytoplankton, said the ocean changes have the potential to affect plant life at the bottom of the food web but it's too soon to know.

Of immediate concern is whether warmer water will allow harmful algae containing toxins to stay viable long enough for shellfish to eat them and pass toxins to marine mammals and people. Toxins are being carried to the Arctic, Stockwell said.

No one has connected the dots, said Britt, the NOAA fisheries biologist.

"At the moment, nobody's sitting with in-hand a comprehensive research study that covers the birds and the mammals and the fish and the zooplankton all in one synthesized report," he said, adding that it will take researchers more time to figure out what's going on. Meantime, Kotlik resident Keyes is researching climate change effects in her coastal village of 650 as project coordinator for a team working under a Bureau of Indian Affairs program. □

Aretha Franklin makes history with posthumous Pulitzer win

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Aretha Franklin is still getting R-E-S-P-E-C-T after death: The Queen of Soul received the Pulitzer Prize Special Citation honor Monday, becoming the first individual woman to earn a special citation prize since the honor was first awarded in 1930.

The Pulitzer board said the award was given to Franklin for her indelible contribution to American music and culture for more than five decades.

Franklin died on Aug. 16 at her home in Detroit from pancreatic cancer at age 76.

The superstar musician was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame when she entered the prestigious organization in 1987.

The Pulitzer board most recently awarded a special citation prize in 2010 to Hank Williams, the country music legend who died in 1953. From the arts world, other recipients include Duke Ellington, Bob Dylan, John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk, George Gershwin, Ray Bradbury, William Schuman, Milton Babbitt, Scott Joplin, Roger Sessions, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

Franklin's inclusion into the exclusive club re-confirms the impact her music —



In this Nov. 21, 2008 file photo, Aretha Franklin performs at the House of Blues in Los Angeles. Franklin is still getting R.E.S.P.E.C.T. after death: The Queen of Soul received the Pulitzer Prize Special Citation honor Monday, April 15, 2019.

and voice — had and continues to have on the world. Franklin became a cultural icon and genius of American song, considered by many to be the greatest popular vocalist of her time. Her voice transcended age, category and her own life.

She was professional singer and accomplished pianist by her late teens and a superstar by her mid-20s. Raised in Detroit, she recorded hundreds of tracks and had dozens of hits over the span of a half century, including 20 that reached No. 1 on the R&B

charts.

But her reputation was defined by an extraordinary run of Top 10 smashers in the late 1960s, from the morning-after bliss of "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," to the wisecracking "Chain of Fools" to her unstoppable call for "Respect," transforming Otis Redding's song into a classic worldwide anthem — especially for the feminist and civil rights movements — making it one of the most recognizable and heard songs of all-time.

She sold millions of albums and won countless awards,

including 18 Grammys, the National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Rolling Stone ranked Franklin No. 1 on its list of the Top 100 singers and she was also named one of the 20 most important entertainers of the 20th century by Time magazine, which celebrated her "mezzo-soprano, the gospel growls, the throaty howls, the girlish vocal tickles, the swoops, the dives, the blue-sky high notes, the blue-sea low notes. Female vocalists don't get the credit as

Associated Press

innovators that male instrumentalists do. They should. Franklin has mastered her instrument as surely as John Coltrane mastered his sax." Franklin was born in Memphis, Tennessee, though her family moved to Buffalo, New York, and then settled in Detroit. She grew up singing in the church alongside her father Rev. C.L. Franklin, a prominent Baptist minister who recorded dozens of albums of sermons and music. She joined him on tour and she released a gospel album in 1956. Four years later, she signed with Columbia Records and when her contract ran out in 1966, she joined Atlantic Records.

That's when she blazed the pop and R&B charts with a string of hits, including "Respect," "I Say a Little Prayer," "Think," "Chain of Fools," "Day Dreaming," "(Sweet Sweet Baby) Since You've Been Gone," "Rock Steady" and "Until You Come Back to Me (That's What I'm Gonna Do)."

Her Grammy-winning album, "Amazing Grace," is one of the seminal albums in not only Franklin's discography, but the canon of American pop music. It is the basis for the recently released concert film "Amazing Grace," filmed over two sessions in January 1972 at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in the Watts section of Los Angeles. □

An undiagnosed illness haunts D.J. Palmer novel

By JEFF AYERS

Associated Press

"Saving Meghan" by D.J. Palmer (St. Martin's Press). A teenage girl seems to have an illness that doctors cannot diagnose in D.J. Palmer's psychological thriller.

Fourteen-year-old Meghan continues to show symptoms of some mysterious disease that has her consistently dizzy, dehydrated, and losing weight. Her mother, Becky, demonstrates signs of devotion to her daughter, but others wonder if she's smothering Meghan.



This cover image released by St. Martin's Press shows "Saving Meghan," a novel by D.J. Palmer.

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Her father, Carl, has taken an opposite approach in caring for his little girl by being hands off to the point where some question if he even cares about Meghan's health.

Meghan begins to question her sanity and her mortality while she watches her family start to implode.

Is Meghan sick, or is something else going on? One doctor with potential ethics violations believes Meghan is suffering from a rare disease involving her mitochondria.

Another doctor feels it's all in her mind, and the con-

stant health issues stem from an overbearing mother.

Legal and law enforcement debate whether this is a classic Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, a form of abuse where the person supposed to care for the individual makes up or causes the condition.

Becky says no, but Carl starts to believe otherwise and begins to work to remove his wife from his daughter's care.

Becky has to prove her innocence to keep her family together and her daughter alive even though the

evidence against her is overwhelming.

Palmer knows how to ratchet up the suspense and paranoia in "Saving Meghan" while keeping the reader continually guessing to what is happening to Meghan.

He also has the talent to create an emotional investment in the characters while also keeping the repulsion factor of what's being discussed low.

The finale might not be a happy ending in the traditional sense, but it's unpredictable and unforgettable. □

HBO looks beyond 'Game of Thrones,' maybe back to a prequel

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When the last drop — or gallon — of blood is shed and an exultant victor has ascended to the Iron Throne, viewers may be split over how HBO's fantasy saga ended but they'll be joined in deprivation. "What do you do without 'Game of Thrones?'" will be the lament heard after the May 19 finale, said media

analyst Larry Gerbrandt. The question is even more critical to the pay-cable channel, which soared on dragon's wings with its hugely popular, eight-season adaptation of George R.R. Martin's novels. Keeping subscribers on board means more than another hit, even one as globally dazzling as "Game of Thrones" proved to be. But it's where HBO can start to protect its brand



This image released by HBO shows Lena Headey as Cersei Lannister in a scene from "Game of Thrones." The final season premieres on Sunday.

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and position, observers say, an effort both demanded and compounded by an increasingly congested small-screen landscape and the expectations of the channel's corporate owner since 2016, AT&T.

"I think they need a prestige show on this level to remain HBO," Bill Carter, a media analyst for CNN and former reporter for The New York Times. But "more than ever, it's really hard to find a hit show and to break through in this marketplace."

The channel is well into the hunt for a worthy successor, with one possibility an untitled prequel to "Game of Thrones" created by Martin and Jane Goldman and starring Naomi Watts. Set to begin shooting a pilot in June, it's among several potential "Thrones" spinoffs being weighed, with discussions at HBO about "how many is too many," said programming chief Casey Bloys.

"We have high hopes" for the pilot, he said.

"But I want to be clear, nobody is going into this thinking that we're going to do a prequel and all of a sudden everybody who automatically watched 'Game of Thrones' is going to watch this. ... It'll have a different feel and different rhythm. We're not trying to do the same show again." That begs the question of what more HBO has to offer, he said.

During a period in which "Game of Thrones" was off the air for scheduling reasons, series including "Westworld," "Sharp Objects" and "Barry" proved strong draws, Bloys said.

"I'm not going to argue that we won't miss 'Game of Thrones.' It's been a fantastic show for us, but life does go on," he said. He points to a deep bench of returnees, including Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon's "Big Little Lies," and newcomers including the graphic novel-based "Watchmen" from "Lost" producer Damon Lindelof. One marquee series that's also in its final season: the much-admired comedy "Veep," with Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

HBO, which launched in 1972 and whose cachet has long justified the boastful slogan, "It's not TV. It's HBO," has reached this crossroads before.

At the turn of the century, pop-culture sensations "The Sopranos" and "Sex and the City" boosted the channel's visibility and subscribers and made it a serious player for prestige awards — including cable's first-ever Emmys for best drama and comedy series. After the shows wrapped, the channel moved nimbly on with audience-pleasers including "Six Feet Under" and "True Blood."

But that was then, and this is the time of streaming —

or, in shorthand, Netflix, along with a growing host of others including Amazon and Hulu — and a shoulder-bumping rush for stars and showmakers to churn out more and more fare for outlets already awash in programming.

HBO, no longer a singular alternative to staid broadcast networks, also got new corporate ownership when AT&T bought its parent company, Time Warner. HBO recently saw the exit of its chief executive, Richard Plepler, who had been with the channel for nearly 30 years and guided it to "Game of Thrones" glory.

With AT&T's resources, HBO has stepped up production and will see a 50% increase in the number of original program hours this year, Bloys said, arguing that volume doesn't preclude high quality: "There's nothing in 2019 that we're putting on the air because we're trying to hit an hour count. ... We haven't lowered any of our standards to reach a certain level of programming" and there is no pressure to do otherwise from WarnerMedia CEO John Stankey, he said.

Subscribers ultimately will decide whether they think the shows are what they want.

But expanding the pipeline is unavoidable, said Tuna Amobi, a media and entertainment analyst with investment firm CFRA. □

Why actor Matthew Gray Gubler is dressed in a monster suit

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — You have to hand it to actor Matthew Gray Gubler: When he goes, he goes all-in. That's whether he's chasing serial killers on CBS' "Criminal Minds" or putting the word out about his new children's book.

To publicize "Rumple Buttercup: A Story of Bananas, Belonging and Being Yourself," Gubler donned a full-body, sweaty costume of his character, a peculiar green monster who disguises himself under a banana peel.

"I love life so much and I want to try to do everything, whether or not I do it well I don't know," he says. "But I am sitting here in a 7-foot-tall monster costume, so I'm feeling pretty good about myself."

The story centers on the lonely Rumple Buttercup, who hides from the world because he has crooked teeth, three hairs and an asymmetrical body. He hides because he fears he's weird.

"I sort of wrote the book for anyone that feels like they don't quite fit in. Because I want them to know that they're not alone and that everybody feels weird because everyone is weird.



This April 1, 2019 photo shows actor and author Matthew Gray Gubler poses for a portrait in New York wearing a costume of his title character in his children's book "Rumple Buttercup: A Story of Bananas, Belonging and Being Yourself."

And that's ultimately I think what makes us great," Gubler says.

Gubler didn't just dream up the monster for the 136-page book. He also drew every squiggly line and hand-lettered every word, even the barcode and legal language. He made the drawings with melted crayons, pastel and charcoal.

"I wanted the book to really feel like it was handmade

because it legitimately was," he says. "Any art form that I look at or appreciate, whether it's dance or movies, I love when you can feel the seams because it feels like it was just made. You know it's not perfect and, like the theme of the book, no one is perfect and that's ultimately what makes us special."

The book must have touched a nerve because it made its debut at No. 1

on The New York Times' children's middle grade best-seller list. More is on the way: Gubler revealed another children's book in the pipeline.

Mallory Loehr, who leads Random House Books for Young Readers Group, says her team was so enamored of the book that several editors first met Gubler wearing banana peels on their heads.

"He is a true artist. As much

as he's a fabulous actor, his heart is here," Loehr says. "It was a very intense experience because he is an intense person and because he wants perfection and because he cares a whole lot. But the proof is in the pudding."

On TV, Gubler is best known for playing Spencer Reid, a brilliant member of an elite FBI behavioral analysis team, tracking down unknown subjects — or "unsubs" — for 14 seasons. Reid shares some similarities with Rumple Buttercup — both are sensitive outsiders yearning to connect and offer their gifts to the world. "I'm very protective of him and Rumble — those are like my two guys," says Gubler. Over the years, Reid onscreen has been shot in the leg and neck, stabbed himself in the thigh, and was once arrested on trumped-up murder charges in Mexico. "My character has been the perpetual damsel in distress since Season 1," Gubler says. The show will wrap up its run with a final Season 15 later this year and Gubler, who has directed 13 episodes over its life, thinks the moment will be bittersweet. He'll miss the cast and crew but is ready for new challenges. □

Norah Jonas is unrestrained on 'Begin Again'

By RAGAN CLARK

Associated Press

Norah Jonas, "Begin Again" (Blue Note)

Norah Jones grew to be a household name after her 2002 debut "Come Away With Me" — an album that brought home five Grammys. She became a jazz sweetheart overnight, but quickly established that she did not want to be boxed into one genre.

Following her early success, Jones began to wander toward folk influences before dappling in electronica, collaborating with Danger Mouse with 2012's "Little Broken Heart." Jones made a return to jazz with 2016's "Day Breaks" and has now released a collection of singles in "Begin Again."



This cover image released by Blue Note Records shows "Begin Again," the latest release by Norah Jones.

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The seven-song project harnesses Jones' ability to tap into other musical streams while maintaining a central jazz feel.

Electronic influences are less pronounced than in "Little Broken Heart" yet more present than in "Day Breaks." The subtlety is welcomed with the experimentation on "Begin Again."

"My Heart Is Full" plays with reverb as Jones' sultry voice echoes and bounces, commanding attention. The distorted vocals in "Just a Little Bit" make the song playful, without detracting from the quality of Jones' writing. Mirroring techniques used by artists like Bon Iver, "A Song With No Name" mixes the delicate with the experimental, strik-

ing a fantastic balance. It's a distinct Jones' song, with post-production vocal texture.

"It Was You" pulls no bells or whistles, coasting into a jazz number decorated with horns and a thundering piano.

As a collection of singles, "Begin Again" is less concerned with generating a cohesive feel throughout the album — perhaps allowing Jones more creative license song to song. It's an entertaining assortment of Jones unrestrained.

And as a woman who has accumulated nine Grammys and has seven albums (not to mention two collaborative albums) under her belt, why have any restraint? □

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